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Chinese Reds' Marked Swing

Move Toward Orthodox Communism In N. China Govt Peace Envoys Ready

Nanking, March 29.

A major swing towards more orthodox Communism has begun in North China as the Chinese Communist Party prepares both for peace negotiations with the Nationalists and for continued war, according to qualified political observers here.

They said today the swing began with the recent decision of the Communist Party's Central Committee to shift the centre of gravity of the movement from rural peasantry to urban populations of captured North China cities. In addition, an analysis of Communist broadcasts and messages through unofficial channels showed:

1. A more positive alignment between North China's foreign policy and that of the Soviet Union.
 2. People's organisations are rapidly developing on a familiar totalitarian pattern.
 3. N. China is stepping up her interest in Communist crusade in South East Asia through Overseas Chinese.
- Experienced foreign observers here very much doubt whether the Communist can pattern China's basic rural economy to the exact theories of Marx and Lenin. They have long felt that ultimately China's own brand of Communism will emerge.

Russia In Manchuria

Whether foreign policy alignment continues or develops more positively, some observers think, may depend on Russia's handling of her economic penetration into Manchuria. It is generally regarded likely that Russia will replace Japan as exploiter of Manchuria's industrial potential. If she encourages Manchuria to become a separate economic state, she might even ally with the rest of China, these observers said today.

So far, Communist broadcasts have called the 1945 Sino-Russian agreement evidence of Russia's friendship, but observers noted whether such explanation would be accepted for long.

Whatever may be the final status of Chinese Communist relations with the Soviet Union, the totalitarian nature of the internal administration and the effort of the Chinese Communist Party in South East Asia will not alter, most observers here consider.

Outcome

Unpredictable

Meanwhile Acting President Li Tsung-jen and Premier Ho Ying-chin—the men in Nationalist China in the best position to know—think the outcome of the forthcoming peace negotiations are unpredictable.

A highly placed source told the United Press today that when he asked General Li and General Ho in a heart to heart talk whether they honestly thought of the chance of a settlement, the two leaders replied: "It is hard to say."

For outside consumption they avowed optimism.

The Acting President and the Premier's private comments are considered to mirror the present outlook of war-ridden China's hopes for peace.

Chang To See

Chiang

General Chang Chih-chung, the government's chief peace delegate, this morning flew to Chikow to consult retired President Chiang Kai-shek on political

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Paper Attacks Soong Sisters

The rapid-firing editorial gun of Nanking's fiery newspaper, National Salvation Daily, was turned today on Madame Chiang Kai-shek and her successor as first lady of China, Madame Li Tsung-jen.

The editorial said that Madame Chiang "deserves the people's utmost hatred in betraying the country," claiming that she had acted as a "protector" of nearly every corruption case in China.

The editorial advised Madame Li Tsung-jen not to learn from the Soong sisters and Madame Wang Ching-wei (who, it was said, had urged her husband to become a puppet premier for the Japanese), and not to interfere in politics until, at least, her husband has ended his presidential term.

success. Peace is anxiously desired by the whole nation," he added.

A Sixth Member

The appointment of a sixth member to the Nationalist peace delegation was announced officially tonight. The new member is General Liu Fu, former Vice-Minister of National Defence.

Observers said that General Liu's appointment indicated the Nationalists anticipated the greatest difficulties in the forthcoming negotiations on the coming demands for the nationalisation of the Kuomintang army.

A British hotel has been designated to house the Nanking delegates when they arrive in Peiping for the peace negotiations.

The Wagon-Lits, famed legation quarter hostelry, was reported weeks ago as being readied for the expected conference.

An appeal to both the Kuomintang and the Communists for a display of sincerity to make the forthcoming peace talks a success was issued last night by the Democratic Socialist Party, of which Mr. Carson Chang, a noted authority on constitutional law, is the head—United Press and Associated Press.

Liberal Democrats Support Communists

Following the China Democratic League and other leftist organisations in China, the so-called Liberal Democratic Action Committee of China in a telegram yesterday supported the Chinese Communist Party's eight terms for ending civil war in China.

The telegram, released by Mr. Percy Chen, in his capacity as Co-Chairman of the Committee, added that the first term concerning the punishment of war criminals should not be allowed to stand in the way of achieving peace.

Social progress, added the telegram, must be based on the industrial development of China. Feudal reactionary elements must give way to the forces of progress and democracy.

The statements were made in a joint telegram to Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, and General Li Tsung-jen, Acting President of the National Central Government, by the Committee whose members, except Mr. Percy Chen are still unknown. The telegram follows in part:

"On behalf of the middle classes I exhort you, Mao Tse-tung, to remember that the Chinese Revolution is a bourgeois democratic revolution and that the social progress which China must have in order to become a force in the world for peace must be based on the industrial development of our country. To do this all classes except the remnants of the feudal bureaucracy must join in working harmoniously."

"To you, Li Tsung-jen, Marxist arguments are meaningless. Since 1927 you have been powerless to prevent the betrayal of the Revolution by Chiang Kai-shek and his henchmen. You must realise that the feudal reactionary elements must give way to the forces of progress and democracy."

"The eight terms set by the Chinese Communist Party as the basis for peace talks have the support of the Chinese middle classes. Seven of them are fundamental for the building of a new China."

"The first term—punishment of war criminals, should not be allowed to stand in the way of achieving peace. Let those to whom the finger of blame points make the sacrifice of leaving China and going into voluntary exile and thus show the world and our people that they repent for their past misdeeds."

"This is your last chance to earn the goodwill and gratitude of the Chinese People. If you fail from selfish party motives no one can forestall the future."



Troops were called out yesterday to deal with "rioters" in the Shamshuipo District as part of Exercise Lancer. The angry mob stoned the police. The pictures show troops in action against the rioters.

More Mock Battles In Exercise Lancer

Army units were called out yesterday to assist the police in quelling serious riots in Hong Kong's Exercise Lancer which continues today with more mock battles, probably in the New Territories.

Gangs of subversive elements, hidden for 24 hours, came out into the open yesterday morning on the island and the Mainland.

Police riot squads were sent to the troubled spots—Southern Playground in Wan-chai, the Western Market, King's Park and the Shamshuipo district.

The most serious riot occurred along the West Point waterfront where armed men attacked go-downs and police patrols. Unable to handle the situation by themselves, the police called for military aid.

Army units and the rioters exchanged fire for some time before the attackers were either driven off or decimated.

Army units called out to the other points restored order by 2 p.m. when the police resumed control of the areas. All riot incidents were successfully dealt with.

A number of saboteurs attempted to steal into military establishments during the day. They were, however, frustrated by the security measures adopted by the military authorities.

Enemy activity continued during the day in the New Territories following an attack on a concentration of enemy barges off the coast at dawn.

Bandits Observed

Some 200 bandits were observed by RAF reconnaissance aircraft in the Ping Shan area, and a small group in the Fanling-Shatouk region. The group in the Fanling-Shatouk area was engaged by Gurkhas who inflicted casualties on the enemy.

Other enemy concentrations in the New Territories were engaged by mortar fire and RAF strafing. RAF planes made successful reconnaissance flights and the naval units continued patrols along the coast.

The Army field headquarters at Tai Po was attacked by an enemy aircraft in the morning. Only one casualty was suffered by the Army.

Captain H. Chittman, Army spokesman, summarised the day's operations as follows: Troops in the New Territories supported by the Navy and RAF, continue to hold their positions. Operations were confined to preventing the enemy from infiltrating, and observing his movements.

At dawn yesterday, the RAF attacked a concentration of enemy barges off the coast. When the message was received that the reconnaissance plane reporting the barge concentration to Field Headquarters at Tai Po, Combined Headquarters on the Island, "listening in" was able to order planes to attack before the request came from Field Headquarters.

The "enemy" enjoyed a successful morning in the air yesterday.

Reporter's Story

The following is the eyewitness account of a China Mail reporter who flew in the rear cockpit of an "enemy" Harvard aircraft, piloted by Mr. A. S. Halls of the Far East Flying Training School.

"The enemy had information that a group of Army troops was at action posts somewhere between Kai Tak and the general vicinity of Tai Po village."

"At 11 a.m. we took off over the ridge, following the road bordering Toi Harbour and searching the area on both sides carefully."

"A few minutes later we spotted a group of trucks on a hilltop just above Tai Po Tou. Though we were about a mile away, they were easily identified as military vehicles."

"Eventually we were undetected the first time over, for when we came in low the second time, the men with the trucks had not yet taken shelter. They made quite a nice target and I'd say we must have scored several hits, both on trucks and personnel."

"Later we counted 17 trucks—all beautifully framed by a group of trees, a short distance from the road, but under the intersection point of two high tension wires—a fact which kept us up somewhat higher than we might have gone."

"We returned to the enemy's Ops Headquarters well satisfied with the morning's work."

BEGINNING TOMORROW

The "CHINA MAIL" is privileged to present the Duke of Windsor's memoirs, the intimate diary of King George V's eldest son who himself became king, only to give up the greatest throne on earth to marry the woman of his choice.

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COUNT SFORZA FIRST TO REACH WASHINGTON

Washington, March 29. Italy's Foreign Minister headed for the U.S. State Department today to report his country's readiness to join the other Western democracies in an alliance against Russian expansion.

The Italian official, Count Carlo Sforza, had an appointment to see Secretary of State Dean Acheson this afternoon.

The bearded diplomat reached here late last night, well ahead of the procession of nine—and possibly 11—other Foreign Ministers converging on the United States to sign the North Atlantic defence treaty on April 4.

Sforza's first words on arrival were to hail the pact as an instrument aimed at keeping the peace.

"I have put my name to many treaties but there is one which I am glad to sign as a man and as a citizen, it is the North Atlantic Pact," he said.

His decision to call promptly on Mr. Acheson raised speculation that he planned to devote part of the meeting to a discussion of Italy's request for trusteeship control over her three former colonies in Africa.

UN To Decide

The United Nations General Assembly is to decide the future of the colonies during the session beginning in New York on April 5. The United States at last report still was undecided about its policy towards two of the colonies—Eritrea and Tripolitania.

Assistant Secretary of State Dean Rusk said at a news conference yesterday that this country favours returning the third colony, Somaliland, to Italy under a trusteeship arrangement.

Sforza's plan to return to New York late this afternoon strengthened the belief that he made the trip for a special purpose.

Italian Embassy aides said the Foreign Minister will be on hand when the Queen Mary docks tomorrow with the Foreign Ministers of Britain, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

Sforza and the other four officials will board a special railway car for the trip to Washington on March 31.

Signing On Monday

The official business is set to get under way on Saturday when the Foreign Ministers meet in a secret session intended to smooth out details leading up to the actual signing of the defence pact on Monday.

As the Administration prepared

Commonwealth Heads To Meet, Says PM Attlee

London, March 29.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers are to meet in London on April 21, the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, announced in the House of Commons today. They will consider matters not fully discussed at the October meeting of the Prime Ministers, involving certain constitutional questions, Mr. Attlee said.

His statement said: "The Commonwealth Prime Ministers will meet in London on April 21. The Prime Ministers of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon will be able to attend. The Prime Minister of Canada is doubtful whether he will be able to come himself, but if not Mr. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, will represent Canada."

"Matters not fully discussed at the October meetings of the Prime Ministers, involving certain constitutional questions, will be considered at a short series of private meetings. They are expected to last a week."

The conference will be held under even greater conditions of secrecy than the Dominion Prime Ministers' conference here last October.

The question of India's views on Commonwealth co-operation after she becomes a republic in August, will rank high on the list of subjects.

The whole future concept of commonwealth association will also be considered. The effect of the Communist upsurge in South East Asia upon the security of Far Eastern nations will be a major topic.

Commonwealth Concept

Sources said decisions taken at the conference would form the basis for a general remodelling of the Commonwealth constitution and informed quarters said the decisions would be followed by Parliamentary legislation in each of the "nation states" concerned and are expected to entail amendments to the Statute of Westminster.

The conference will be held in the Cabinet room of No. 10 Downing Street and is expected to throw into sharp relief the differences existing between various Dominions, notably India and South Africa.

The principal objective of the conference is to evolve a formula whereby India may become a Republic and yet retain Commonwealth relations.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, and Sir A. B. X. Halls of the Far East Flying Training School, who was frequently stated their intention of seeking ways and means of fitting Republican units into the Commonwealth framework.

THE WEATHER

At 0900 hours GMT (2 p.m. HKO standard time) a belt of high pressure extends from Mongolia across Japan into the Pacific. With it an anticyclone appears to be intensifying over extreme NW China.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E winds. Fair.

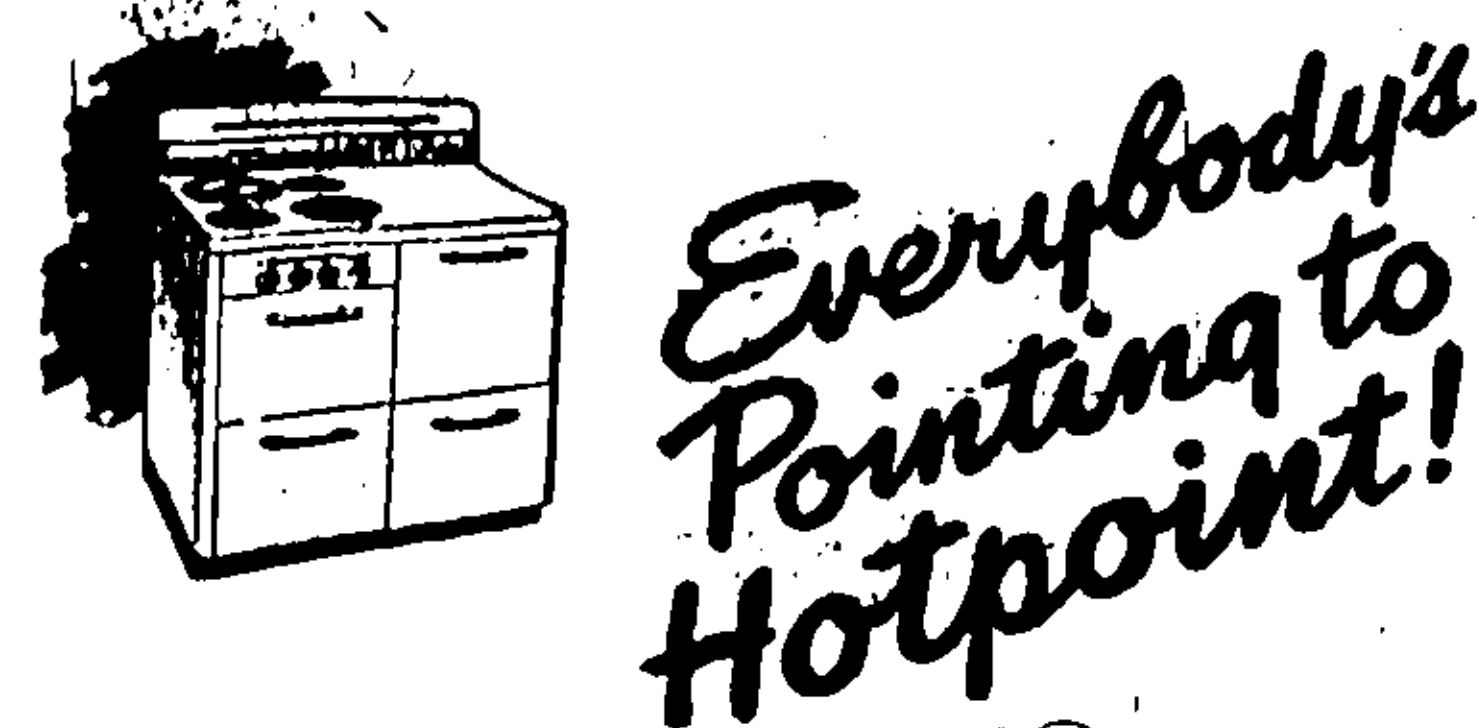
Yesterday's Weather:—
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Minimum: 60.0 deg. Fah.
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Concubine's Evidence In Lantau Murder

Evidence of a confession by accused to her, that he had killed the man who had adopted and employed him, was given by Li Kan-mui, concubine of the dead man, at the Lantau Island Murder trial yesterday.

Accused was Wong Fuk-lam, charged with the murder of his foster father and employer, Wong Yau, before Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge, and a jury of six men and one woman at the Criminal Sessions.

He is alleged to have killed Wong Yau on or about August 27, 1948, at Lantau Island, with the intention of making off with Wong's concubine, Li Kan-mui.

Defending counsel is Mr. Y. H. Poon, instructed by Mr. F. D. Hammond. Conducting the prosecution is Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr. C. Moltram, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, and Detective Inspector C. Askew.

At the beginning of yesterday's session, Chun Lan, principal wife of the deceased, gave corroborative evidence for the Crown, after which she was cross-examined by Mr. Poon.

The next witness was Li Kan-mui, Wong Yau's concubine. She told the court that she was 21 years old and that she was the daughter of one Li Mou-lai.

Witness testified that she became the concubine of Wong Yau on August 27, 1948, the day being arranged by her brother. After the ceremony, which took place in Hong Kong, she returned to Shiek Mun-kam village, Lantau Island, where they lived.

A little later after the concubinage, witness continued, the accused Wong Fuk-lam was employed as the fowling general assistant with regard to the running of the farm. His place of sleeping was in the cowshed.

After this, Li went on, accused got a job aboard a ship. Before he went to sea however, he and she had been in good terms with one another. Wong Yau showed displeasure over this.

The accused remained at sea for about a year, witness added.

Went To Hong Kong

Li went on to say that on three occasions she and her husband went over to Hong Kong to visit the accused when he arrived on the ship. She further testified as to having received prior to these visits two letters from the accused, which were read to her by her husband, as she could not read herself. On every occasion she visited the accused aboard the ship, he gave her some money.

Continuing, Li told the court that some time in January 1948, accused returned to his village at Shiek Mun-kam, and told her that he was out of employment. Thereafter he went back to his old job. Looking after the farm, accused again went into good terms with one another, she stated, this aroused once more the displeasure of Wong Yau.

Wong Yau, she continued, began to accused her of not working hard and of being too good to her. He then began to beat and scold her frequently. As a result of this, she decided to end her life she added.

As a result of the contact she later had with the accused at the cowshed, witness stated, she then decided to change her mind about it.

However, when her husband continued to beat her on another occasion, Li continued, she and the accused had another conversation in the cowshed. Nobody knew of the intimacy that passed between herself and the accused, she said. After she had been again assaulted by her husband, she again contemplated suicide.

To Run Away

As a result of another conversation with the accused one night, she continued, it was decided that she should run away to another village and from there go over to Hong Kong the next morning. This she did.

On the night of August 24, witness went on, accused came over to the village where she had gone to, and told her to be careful, as his father was looking for her. He also told her that if she was found by her husband, the latter would kill them both. Accused, it is alleged, further suggested to her that she should go

and stay at a place at Woosung Street where someone he knew stayed, and that he would go there later on.

Wong Fuk-lam is alleged to have told Li that he was going to murder Wong Yau, and that he would sell a pig to get money to support her. The next day she arrived at Woosung Street in Yum-mai.

Two days after the 31st, witness continued, the accused arrived at the place and informed her that he had killed Wong Yau. He gave her \$80, which he said was proceeds from the sale of the pig. No mention of any weapon was made by Wong Fuk-lam, witness declared. He only told her that he had led the deceased into believing that Li, deceased's wife, was at a certain area in the island. There he killed him.

Cross-examined by Mr. Poon, Li disclosed that for about a year after deceased had taken her as concubine, she lived with his first wife and she lived happily together.

After that period however, he changed his attitude somehow towards his wife and concubine and treated both badly. As to the relations between the first wife and herself, witness stated, they went on as good as ever.

No Intimacy

Counsel then put it to Li that she had never, on the particular morning when she first attempted to commit suicide, had any intimacy with the accused.

Li denied this. She admitted however that she was complaining to the accused of the ill-treatment her husband gave her and the accused comforted her and pushed her back to house. No intimacy took place on that occasion, witness went on to say.

At this point, Mr. Justice Williams, admonishing witnesses, pointed out to her that only a minute ago she had said that she did have intimacy with the accused, and that now she said she did not.

The court further asked Li why she had said on two occasions in the Lower Court and at present in the trial that she could not remember so much.

Questioned further, witness disclosed that two intimacies took place in all, and that both of them took place about half a month before she ran away from the island to Hong Kong.

Li denied among other suggestions that when she was in the neighbouring village and about to set sail for Hong Kong, the accused had come to her and asked her to return home. She further denied a suggestion from Counsel that she had refused his request, telling him that she intended to go to Hong Kong with her brother.

Counsel further put it to Li that she also told the accused not to interfere with her affairs, otherwise she would not give him face.

Mr. Poon then pointed out to Li that in the Lower Court she had said that accused had told her he had used a chopper to kill the deceased, while she had told the court this morning that he did not mention any weapon at all. Li adhered to the Lower Court statement, explaining that she had forgotten about it this morning.

After further cross-examination, the trial was adjourned until 10 a.m. this morning.

INQUIRY COMPLETED

The inquiry into the CNAC Sky-master crash on Basil Island on December 21 resulting in the loss of 31 lives has been completed, the "China Mail" was officially informed yesterday.

The report on the Cathay Pacific Airways plane crash at Brainerd Reservoir on February 24, with the loss of 19 lives—is still under preparation.

Yes, Its An Elephant



Playing nursemaid to this baby elephant, which was subsequently hauled aboard on to Kowloon Wharf, from the ss. Produce, is child's play to Mr. George Emerson, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's top-notch animal trainer, who has been working on animals for more than 20 years. Mr. Emerson, seen to the right with Baby Jumbo and Mr. Noel Rosefelt, another well-known American animal hunter, (foreground), is collecting animals for American zoos and Hollywood film studios. ("China Mail" Photo).

Noted Animal Trainer Here From Hollywood

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Do you want your pet trained by a Hollywood expert?

Perhaps Mr. George Emerson, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's top-notch animal trainer who has been working with the quadrupeds for more than 20 years, could help.

The M-G-M expert arrived here yesterday from Bangkok by the ss. Produce, bringing a cargo of elephants, reptiles, tropical birds, gibbons, bears, tiger cubs and a baby tapir, to be transported to American zoos and Hollywood film studios.

During the trip from Bangkok, Mr. Emerson, ably assisted by several stevedore hands aboard, played nursemaid to the denizens of Siam's abundant fauna, which is child's play to the veteran trainer.

The heat, and apparently the sea, killed several of them. Food for the animals, which, except for the five baby elephants, are kept in 50 crates, consisted of 2,500 pieces of sugarcane, 10 sacks of rice, 10 sacks of paddy, seven tins of powdered milk, 12 sacks of potatoes and 10 sacks of corn. Only a few remained on the arrival of the Produce yesterday.

Among the elephants is the smallest ever to be brought here from Siam, standing below four feet and only 15 months old. Chained to the deck, Jumbo braved the weather and the sea without any ill-effects.

Note caused any trouble during the unloading at Kowloon Wharf yesterday. Unlike the previous practice of wrapping the animal in a strong net and hauling it on to the pier, each of the five elephants was caged in a wooden crate and lifted off.

Greeting Mr. Emerson in the wharf yesterday was Mr. Noel Rosefelt, who had already shipped several consignments of wild animals from Siam to America via Hong Kong. Mr. Rosefelt, who arrived here by plane from Bangkok recently, is taking with him a 5,000-foot long gibbon monkey and a pair of gibbons and a pair of tigers.

"Elephants are the smartest and nicest animals in the world. They are the only animals which think. It isn't that they never forget. Rather, an elephant remembers."

"Teach Jumbo a trick and 10 years later, never having done it in any way, he'll do it again," Mr. Emerson asserted.

After travelling with several circuses, Mr. Emerson began to train animals for Hollywood.

He trained Lassie (remember that glamorous canine film star) and links the famous collie one of the smartest actors.

"Dogs rank next to elephants in intelligence," he remarked. At one time he had to teach Sabu how to ride an elephant.

"The Elephant Boy had a tough time before he could eventually stay aloft," he said.

"Cats? Never trust them, no matter how decently you treat them," he gestured disdainfully. By cats, he means tigers, lions, panthers, leopards, alley cats and the best of the feline family.

"TRADE AND INDUSTRY"

The January issue of "Trade and Industry" a monthly review for importers, exporters, manufacturers and shippers, has arrived in the Colony from The Hague, Holland. The publication is issued by the International Publishing Company.

It contains economic and industrial information from Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, Western Germany, Czechoslovakia and others parts of the world.

VOCAL RECITAL

A vocal recital by pupils of Professor Madam Olusoff will be given on Saturday at 3 p.m. at the St. Andrew's Church Hall with the support of Mr. Gaston D'Aquila.

The programme will include classical arias, songs and duets of well-known Italian and Russian composers.

Professor Harry Ore will be at the piano. Tickets may be obtained from the residence of Madam Olusoff, 180, Nathan Road, 2nd floor, Kowloon, and on the day of the concert at the entrance to the hall.

Inquiry Held Into Miss Braga's Death

The tragic death of Miss Patricia Anne Braga on November 21 last year when the car in which she was riding plunged into the harbour at Kennedy Town, was the subject of an inquiry held yesterday at Central.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada sat as coroner and was assisted by a jury of two men and a woman. Inspector Eggleston conducted the inquiry.

Giving evidence yesterday, Mr. A. J. Braga said that he was a Barrister at law practising in Singapore. In November last year he came to the Colony for a holiday, accompanied by his elder daughter Anne, aged 16. His daughter had passed her senior examination and he was going to make inquiries for her to go to the University for further studies.

They had already booked their passage on the Canthage which was due to leave on November 26. Miss Amy Wong was also a party that was going to Singapore. Miss Wong is now his wife.

Mr. Braga said that he had been in the Colony before and that he had a driver's licence. On arrival in the Colony he was given a test and a licence was issued to him.

On November 21 they went to Dr. Ernest Te's house in Pokfulam for dinner. After dinner the party left the house in a private car. Mr. Braga said he was driving the car and his daughter was sitting next to him with Miss Wong in the rear of the car.

They followed a bus along Pokfulam Road and on reaching the Praya the car went past the tram line. The place was very dark further on and at that time there was a slight drizzle.

Mr. Braga said that he could not see and within a short distance from the sea wall he realised that he was going over. He applied his brakes and the car toppled over.

He said he managed to extricate himself. Miss Wong also escaped.

Rescued By Fishermen

Two fishermen rescued them while they were in the water. They were both pulled up by means of a rope.

Mr. Douglas Laine said that he was sent for and attended both Mr. Braga and Miss Wong. He found immersion and shock. He gave each of them an injection.

Leung Kwun said that he was a fisherman. On the night of the tragedy he and his companion were fishing on the Praya.

He heard cries of save life and saw two persons in the water. He helped them out. When told there was still another person in the car, he dived into the harbour and managed to locate the car but could not open the handle of the car. He tried it on three different occasions but without success.

Evidence was given by Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Te, Mrs. Braga, Inspector Scott and Eggleston. The jury retired for a few minutes and returned a verdict of death by drowning following an accident. They added a rider to the effect that the PWD should be informed of the bad lighting in that area.

Mr. d'Almada recommended the two fishermen for the very fine work they put up.

ss. Panama On Fire

Lying in her graveyard at Lai Chi Kok harbour for her owners to scrap her, the ss. Panama caught fire last night at about 8.30 p.m. several fire launches were sent to battle the flames at midnight.

Fire started in her No. five hold where scrap iron, machinery parts and some wooden planks were stored.

Content of the ship's hold has been dismantling the ship since January.

The former 25,000-ton cargo-passenger liner was bought by the Chiap Hua Factory of Tai Ping Hong, second floor. Her original name was ss. Mongolia.

SALVATION ARMY FUNDS

Following is the latest list of contributions to the Salvation Army:

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Who Should Administer The Estate?

Hearing was adjourned yesterday of the claim for right of administration of an estate, heard before Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court, after legal arguments had been submitted by both sides.

The plaintiff, Woo Yau Nui, of 38 Taloo Road, Kowloon, is represented by Mr. B. A. Bernatchi instructed by Mr. H. K. Woo. The defendants are William G. Woo, of 3 Cheungshawan Road, Kowloon, and Daisy Woo, of 100, Nathan Road, represented by Mr. John MacNeil instructed by Mr. F. G. Nigel.

The plaintiff claims that she was the wife and the person entitled to administration of the estate of the late Woo Chong, alias Woo Chong-kee, alias Woo Tsun-an.

The defendants claim that together with one Wesley S. Woo, at present in a mental hospital in Canada, they are the present executors and sole beneficiaries of a bequest made by the deceased dated September 18, 1943.

The plaintiff declared that the bequest had been revoked by her marriage to the deceased on February 26, 1948.

Reminders

Today

Dudget Debate, Legislative Council, 2.30 p.m.

Talk on "The Application of Military Principles to civilian Life" by Maj. Gen. F. R. G. Matthews, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

HK Lawn Bowls Association, annual general meeting, SCM Post board room, 5.30 p.m.

Exhibition of Sculpture and Painting by Mr. S. K. Chan, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m.

Ladies Recreation Club Jubilee Sale, St. John's Cathedral, 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, Cosmo Club, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Ladies Night, Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, at Cosmo Club, 7.30 p.m.

RAI Association luncheon, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

MUSIC GROUP OF SINO-BRITISH CLUB, concert at St. Stephen's Girls' College, 6.30 p.m.

HK Working Artists Guild, exhibition of Chinese calligraphy, Hotel Cecil, 11 a.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Miss Diana Kan, Suite No. 806, Gloucester Hotel, 10 a.m.

Lecture on William Blake by Mr. D. J. Sloes, at Fung Ping Shan Library, 3.30 p.m.

SATURDAY
Vocal Recital by Professor (Madam) A. Olusoff, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 3 p.m.

Exhibition of Painting by Miss Diana Kan, Suite No. 806, Gloucester Hotel, 10 a.m.

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Gamboa Case—Double Affront

Sydney, March 29.
The Sydney Morning Herald attacked the Australian Government today for the way it applies the "White Australia" laws. These laws aim at keeping Asiatics from settling in Australia.

Motor Junk Master Fined

If 50-year-old Yung Ching, master of a motor junk, could not solve the mysterious disappearance of the "M242T" painted on his vessel, the Police did it yesterday at the Marine Court. Charged with operating an unlicensed motor junk, failing to report his arrival in local waters, having underway without a quota, and carrying a total sum of \$400 by Mr. D. G. Cairns. Yung pleaded that he did not know the meaning of the code and that his craft was licensed by the Chinese authorities. He stated that the sign was already on the junk when he took over at Fookshue. He did not register in the Colony. Answering the other charges, Yung pleaded that he was forced to anchor in Stanley Bay because of bad weather at sea. Sub-Inspector Nippon, prosecuting, told the Court that Sub-Inspector Wheeler was patrolling South of the island at 11 a.m. on March 23 when he noticed the "M242T" and the name "Ah Chan" coming from Cheung Chau and turning into Stanley Bay. He observed the junk anchoring and several sampans coming alongside.

A search revealed that she was carrying about 15 persons and cargo from Canton to Su Wei. The master could not produce his Hong Kong licence. The engine was not licensed.

Sub-Inspector Wheeler entered the witness box and stated that the engine of the junk was too dangerous to ship, and in his opinion there was no reason for the defendant to anchor there because of the weather. Yung was cautioned on the charge of failing to report his arrival. He was fined \$35, \$150 and \$200, respectively, on the other three charges.

MESSENGER FACES CHARGE

A messenger was ordered by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday to be committed for trial at the next criminal session of the Supreme Court for demanding money with menaces on three counts.

Siu Cheuk-yin, aged 40, was charged with demanding \$200 from the occupants of No. 26 Granville Road, first and second floor.

Defendant was arrested on March 9, when he went to the address and from underneath the mat outside the door took an envelope which had been placed by the police.

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SIX MONTHS FOR THIEF

For attempting to steal a wrist watch from Mrs. M. Cook at Kennedy Road on Monday, Chan Wing, aged 20, was sentenced to six months and six strokes by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Another two more months will be added if defendant is found unfit for earning. Defendant was also recommended for banishment.

Mrs. M. Cook, a teacher of King George V School, was walking on a narrow pathway (a short cut to her house) at Kennedy Road when defendant came from behind and tried to take the watch out of Mrs. Cook's hand.

A struggle followed and both fell to the ground. While on the ground defendant tried to take the watch again. Mrs. Cook cried out for help.

At the time of the incident Mrs. Cook was in a taxi and on hearing Mrs. Cook's cry went to her assistance. Defendant then ran away but was arrested by two constables.

Mr. Cressford was thanked by the magistrate for his action.

THREE TEEN AGERS BEFORE COURT

Three teen agers were charged at Kowloon yesterday with demanding money with menaces. The prosecutor's case was that on March 22 and 26, To Kan, aged 18, Hui Yan-kit, aged 15, and Kwong-chuen, aged 18, and others not in custody demanded from two men, wrist watches and a gold ring valued at \$170.

On the application of Inspector J. Groom, the case was remanded to April 1.

Defendants were detained in police custody.

ROBBERY CASE

The trial of Cheung Kwai-sang and Chan Ping-lau, tried respectively for armed robbery and receiving stolen property, was adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow, after evidence on their own behalf had been given by the accused.

Cheung is alleged to have taken part in an armed robbery at the Yue On Hop import and export firm some time in January in company with others not in custody, during which money, watches and other articles were stolen.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, is prosecuting, assisted by Detective Inspector W.G. Morrison.

Second accused, Chan, is being defended by Mr. V.J.L. Dalton, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Kuss. The first instance yesterday, the admissibility of a certain portion of the accused's statements were considered in the absence of the jury, after which evidence was taken.

ROXY THEATRE OPENING

The HK\$2,000,000 Roxy Theatre, one of the most modern in the Colony, was officially opened last night. Guests were entertained to cocktails and refreshments from 8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. following which the film "That Lady in Ermine" was shown. The theatre has a capacity for 1,700. It is air-conditioned.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Self-Government

Sir,—I would appreciate very much if you could spare me a little of your column in which I could put in a few points in connection with the running of this Colony by our Government.

First, I would like to stress that I am not ordinarily a politician, but neither is this man in the street. What I wish to air will be purely my views which I know will not appeal to many. To begin with, I should like to deal with the subject of the Hong Kong Defence Force.

It is a plan I do not propose to deplore—or much less to attack in any way. On the contrary, I could quote the great number of advantages and ideal attached to the formation of such a force. It is the one force by which the people of a Colony such as this could readily defend themselves against a potential invader.

But, whether such a force is truly and in fact an ideal formation or not, is not disputed here. Indeed, it would seem that, owing to the shortage of manpower in Britain, British troops are gradually pulling out of various corners of the Empire. So much so that, in the case of Hong Kong, the near future will see the defence of the Colony manned mainly—if not entirely—by men and women of the Defence Force.

If this is in line with the policy of Whitehall, I would submit that a Colony being capable of defending itself on its own should be capable of governing itself to a large measure, and having for its own a Government for the people, by the people, and for the people.

I repeat, I am not a politician, nor am I trying maliciously to stir up the public against the Government. All I want to point out is that if we are capable of defending ourselves, should we not be capable of administering to ourselves to a considerable degree, independently?

CITIZEN JOE.

Mr. Kenniff

Sir,—A petition is at present being circulated urging the Colonial Office to take steps to bring about the withdrawal of the resignation from the Colonial Service of the Hon. D.M. Macdonnell, C.M.G., our present Colonial Secretary.

I should like to suggest that the name of the Hon. V. Kenniff, late Director of Public Works, be added to this petition. I am told that he originally intended to remain in office for another two years. What, then, brought about his sudden resignation? And, in view of his services to Hong Kong, was it to the interests of the Colony that it should be accepted?

FAIRPLAY.

Indebtedness

Sir,—Sorry to keep butting in, but again I take exception to your editorial, today. I think it's the third one in succession you remind your readers of what we owe America.

Why keep rubbing salt into our wounds, we do appreciate the Marshall Plan, America are apparently satisfied how we are using their aid, it is not being abused, so forget your dislike for the British Government and tell your readers something to the credit of Great Britain.

Tell your readers that although the British are still subject to War Time controls and conditions, they are on the road to recovery, through sheer hard work by all classes of society, in fact they are setting an example to the world, also some countries are studying Britain's democratic Socialism as they believe it is the only method to combat the modern form of Communism.

Reading a financial column of a Daily Paper, I note that the Pound sterling is going up in price, and I quote—no doubt owing to the splendid economic recovery Britain is making.

In conclusion Mr. Editor, tell your readers what the World and America owe to Great Britain. I often wonder what would have happened if Britain had thrown the towel in during the dark days of 1940 and 1941, yes sir, in my opinion, civilisation owes a debt to Britain.

to Britain, so let's hear something on the credit side for a change.

I have mentioned Democratic Socialism, I do so because the present Government in truly Democratic for the following reasons: We have Messrs. Cripps, Dalton, Attlee and Strachey, products of the famous British Public Schools, and Messrs. Devlin, Bevan, Morrison etc. products of the council schools. It would appear therefore that all classes of people are truly represented.

C.H.M.L.

Strange Ideology

Sir,—Will you please publish the following few lines in your esteemed paper.

A strange ideology exists in the mind of Hong Kong Moslems, different organisations, different committees, different parties, different societies. The Pakistan or Indian Moslem Society—President, Secretary and Trustees of Board are keeping silent.

The Mohammedan Mosque rest house is based only for sufferers and travellers. It is not for permanent residence. The permanent residents are paying four to six hundred dollars a month, very low without a job, some over 200 dollars a month. Then why do they not stay outside?

No doubt the housing problem is rather hard, but still plenty rooms are available, as a matter of fact millions of poor are residing in this colony on their poor wages and pay. Then what happens?

As to my personal experience of last few months, every person who has a slight connection or in a higher post, wants to make himself boss. They have not only spoiled their own faith but are determined to "penetrate others' too."

Islam teaches you humility, sincerity and obedience, crimes are strictly prohibited, as well as every religion has the same. Religious faith is being ignored by the nations of the world. So every housing is overwhelming. It is not a long time ago that you suffered, every ounce of foodstuff was a life for you. Alas, no sooner you have forgotten it. Never let come the proud to your sight regardless of race and religion.

The proud is such a thing that it never takes time to destroy a person or a nation.

S. Z. ALAM.

CONSTABLE ON THE JOB

How a police constable's fight with a suspected thief prevented what would have been another burglary at the Peak was related by Sub-Inspector A. F. Cochrane at Central yesterday.

In the dock was Tsang Kwok Ping, charged with loitering and assaulting and resisting a police constable in the execution of his duty.

Outlining the case, SI Cochrane said that as a result of numerous burglaries committed at the Peak, three police constables were on duty on a foot-path leading from 173, the Peak, down the hillside to Pokfulam Reservoir, when they saw three Chinese men approaching.

On being challenged they all ran away, but one of them, Tsang Kwok Ping, ran against a tree and fell to the ground. On being approached by PC 70, he struck the constable in the face with his fist.

The constable fell to the ground but managed to catch hold of defendant's clothing, and both rolled down the hill for about 14 yards.

In the scuffle, defendant tried to grab the revolver in the constable's hand. Fearing that he would lose the man, or that he would get hold of the weapon, the constable pulled the trigger.

The defendant was taken to Queen Mary hospital with a bullet wound in the thigh.

In a statement, he admitted that he and the other two men, who got away, were on their way to burglarise a house at the Peak when they were confronted by the constables.

Tsang pleaded guilty to the charge of loitering, but denied that he assaulted or resisted the police constable.

Hearing is adjourned to March 31.

A Small Women Police Force Planned For HK

Hong Kong's force of women police will be small but choice when it comes into being, according to Commissioner of Police D. W. McIntosh.

Addressing the Council of Women yesterday, the Police Commissioner said that he preferred the new force to possess quality rather than quantity.

DS G. B. BINSTED MOVED TO HQRS



DS BINSTED

Divisional Superintendent G. B. Binstead, who has been in charge of the Colony's Police Traffic Department since October, 1946, will shortly take up the position of Staff Officer dealing with defence at Headquarters.

Born in Croydon, London, Mr. Binstead joined the Police Force in 1935, serving in Palestine. He arrived here in 1940 and has since then done much to improve traffic conditions in the Colony.

Mr. Binstead is not new to the type of work which he is now undertaking. He had previously successfully carried out a defence programme in the Iraq oil fields when attached to the Palestine Police.

Personalia

Major-General F.R.G. Matthews will address the European YMCA Debating Society in the West Lounge at 8.30 p.m. today on "The application of military principles to civilian life."

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Theodore Bernhardt Erickson, engineer of 4 Fort Street, and Margaret Robinson Munro, of 14 Stanley Terrace, Hong Kong.

Mr. A.F. Klaveness and Mr. C. Bloom, Directors of the Klaveness Line, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the ss. Castleville.

Mr. D.H. Williams, Far East Traffic Manager of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, has arrived in Hong Kong from Japan.

Messrs. E.C. Childs, W.G. Long, F.F. Hitchcock, W.G. Stallbrass, N.W. Malloy, M. Dickson, Miss B.M. Pope, Miss E.M. Gray, Mrs. M.I. Duck, Mrs. S. Nuttall, Mrs. Ivy E. Quinell left Hong Kong yesterday for the United Kingdom by BOAC.

Miss V. Stack, Mrs. D.H. Varley, Mr. I. Kempton, Mrs. J. Kempton, Mr. Yeh Chuan-chin and Mr. Lo Tow-yun left for Bangkok yesterday by BOAC.

Messrs. J.H.E. Stephens, H.B. McDowell, A.G. Branchley, C.H. Ellis and J.L. Tate were among the passengers who boarded the BOAC plane yesterday for Singapore.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. Y.C. Lee, Mrs. M. Tatle Pederson, Captain and Mrs. K.G. Colthorpe, Messrs. M.D.L. Dickson, J.C. Lancashire, G.W. Stallbrass, D.H.

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As a result of the war and the present unrest in China, Hong Kong today is by no means a normal community.

The presence of a large floating population which must fend for itself in order to live is one cause of the high incidence of crime in the Colony today—and it is also one of the reasons why the police find that certain special problems might best be handled by women police.

"The question of having women police has always been very debatable," Commissioner MacIntosh told his audience. "It was first talked of 27 years ago when I joined the force."

The Commissioner said that the introduction of women police in the United Kingdom had been "fairly successful."

The work to be assigned women police in Hong Kong will not be of too strenuous a nature, though the recruits must be to the best of health.

Some will act as plainclothes police. They will deal with street walkers, female habitues of opium dens and victims of the white slave trade. Others will do administrative work, while still others may do specialised work.

"There are certain things better done by women. Those will be their jobs in the force," the Commissioner said. "They won't be called on to do things like charging down the street with batons drawn."

He added that those engaged in outside work, sometimes having an element of danger, would be taught how to defend themselves.

Women from 19 to 24 years of age will be recruited for the force. Their initial salaries are only 80 per cent of that for men, but the difference is gradually lessened over a period of time.

FINED FOR OPIUM

Three men were fined \$10,000 or one year's imprisonment each at Kowloon yesterday for possessing opium. Chu-ming, aged 20, had 74 taels, Wo Ping-kuen, aged 40, had 93 taels and Chiu Tak-lung, aged 40, had 69 taels.

Revenue Inspector Knox said that first defendant was arrested at the Kowloon Railway Station on Monday during a routine search of incoming passengers.

His opium was found hidden in his suitcase. On information from first defendant, second and third defendants were arrested later at the Star Ferry Wharf, Kowloon.

Arrivals from Manila yesterday by CPA included Messrs. Jaime T. Teeson, Lim Guan, R.D. Lim and Ricardo D. Lim.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mrs. R.D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. Huettner, Mrs. I.J. Young, Messrs. A. Shackelford, J.C. Gorman, Fred Blitch, C.F. Yang, J. Cunn and S.D. Parlor.

Among the passengers who left for Manila on Monday by CPA were Messrs. Arthur Palling, Richard M. Branten, Jaime M. Thang, Ling Lok, See Hock, and Antonio Maculday.

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GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 21, 1949.

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The Sixty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on Wednesday, the 20th April, 1949 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Agents together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1948.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Easter Race Meeting.

Saturday, 16th and Monday, 18th April, 1949

There are twelve races each day. The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

Through Numbers (24 Races—348) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race of the second day, as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the 6th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantau Handicap" may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's office will close at 10 a.m. each day.

Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 2715).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Ties men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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LENGTH NOT INDICATED
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in the 4-Hearts, North barely made his contract, losing tricks to the trump A plus two more to West's long hearts. Pairs at other tables in the same tournament got into 6-No Trumps and made it like rolling off a log, with no tricks lost except: one to the heart A.

When South heard that jump response by North, he could have added that strength to his own and seen easily that the side should have a slam in. No Trumps. He had a choice of several courses, one of which was to bid 6-No Trumps at once and to take it easy, possibly cue-bidding spades, hearing diamonds then from North, then Blackwooding. If North's response to the 5-No Trumps had been only 6-Diamonds to show one king, then 6-Diamonds could be the contract when it happened to be 6-Hearts, however, showing two kings, South should have chosen the same 6-No Trumps.

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable).

Tomorrow's Problem
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H J 7 8
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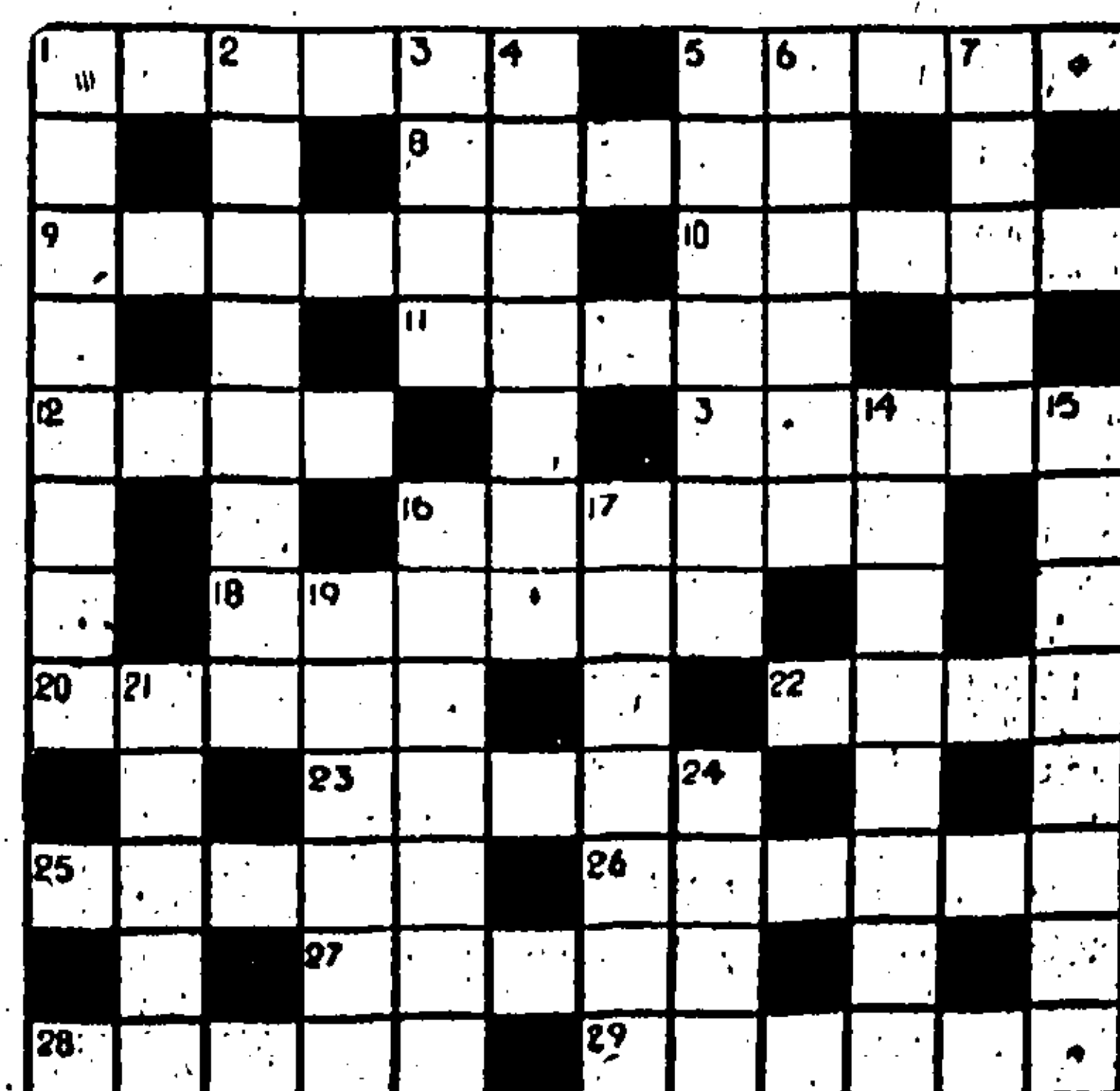
S 7 4
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D Q 9 7
C K J 10
6 2

S K Q 10 9
H K 9 4
D K 8 3
C 8 5 3

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable).

If North opens this tournament deal with a psychic 1-Diamond, what action should ensue?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Roll.
5 Transactions.
8 Measuring device.
9 Game.
10 Incursion.
11 Stiff.
12 Afraid.
13 Stop.
16 Negligent.

Down

14 Withdraws.
15 Term of punishment.
16 Potentia.
17 Mixed with.
18 Dwelled.
19 Opposed.
20 Wears away.
21 Goes ahead.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1. Seldom, 5. Rabbit, 8. Pile, 9. Carman, 11. Verge, 12. Delude, 14. Wise, 16. Scene, 18. Irate, 19. Feet, 20. Elliott, 24. Chair.

DOWN: 1. Sack, 2. Lord, 3. Opal, 4. Minute, 6. Reverse, 7. Baronet, 7. Drawer, 10. Marit, 13. Directs, 14. Warlike, 15. Several, 17. Cabin, 19. Frigid, 21. Code, 23. Tire, 25. Used.

TRANSJORDAN MAKES NEW REQUEST TO UK

London, March 28.

Transjordan has asked for Royal Air Force assistance in creating a Transjordan Air Force, the Foreign Office spokesman confirmed tonight. The spokesman said that the request, which had been received some months ago, is still under consideration.

GUNMEN'S COUPS IN BURMA

Rangoon, March 29. Rebels attacked the oil centre of Minbu on Sunday and stole 30,000 rupees from its Treasury. The Government reported yesterday.

Minbu is 370 miles North West of Rangoon. The rebels were White Band PVO, members of the People's Volunteer Organisation, one of several rebel groups in Burma.

It was officially stated that PVOs captured large stocks of arms and ammunition after overpowering the town police.

Gunnmen, believed to be Burmese, raided the Rangoon Turf Club last night and escaped in jeeps with 300,000 rupees, the day's takings. Six men carried out the hold-up, while 30 others cordoned off the office.

Further North, the temple city of Mandalay is being stripped by Communists of all valuables. Government troops are said to be preparing an assault to recapture the city.

Rebel Karen tribesmen occupied Mandalay on March 13 and handed over its administration to the Communists.

It was officially stated that PVOs and students now are helping the Communists administer Mandalay, and that Government property is undergoing wanton damage. Associated Press.

GABIN WED

Paris, March 28. The French film star Jean Gabin, today married Dominique Fournier, a mannequin. It was Gabin's second marriage. The playwright, Henri Bernstein, was best man.—Reuter.

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TOMORROW Douglas FAIRBANKS, JR. • GARY GRANT in
"GUNSA DIN"

Radio Com For Sewermen

London, March 28. Middlesex County Council, administering a highly urbanised area round North West London, plans to be Britain's first local authority to introduce radio communications for sewermen.

The Council will on Wednesday consider a scheme for radio communications along its 70-mile drainage network between sewer gangs and the central depot, stated to be already the largest and most modern sewage undertaking in Europe.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m.—Morning Prayers. (Studio)
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—"Land Stand" Feature Movie Works. (DIRECT)
1.00 p.m.—Albert Bandier and His Orchestra.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"From the Shows."
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.10 p.m.—"Joy Rondo and His Music."
2.15 p.m.—"Radio News."
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Will Agree

Mr. Mayhew said: "The British force at Akaba is there at the request of the Transjordan Government, a request with which the British Government were obliged to comply under the Anglo-Transjordan treaty."

"It has recently been reinforced in view of the advance of Israeli forces to the Gulf of Akaba so that it should be capable of fulfilling its mission in any circumstances."

At present, British military aid to Transjordan is limited to facilities supplied to the Arab Legion, the crack Arab army. Under the terms of the Anglo-Transjordan alliance of 1948, Britain is required to give military training facilities to Transjordan in whatever branch of defence these may be required.

It is consequently expected that Britain will agree to provide the assistance from the RAF which has been requested.—Reuter.

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ARAB-JEW MEETINGS IN EUROPE PLANNED

Beirut, March 28.

A Palestine Conciliation Commission source said tonight that the Commission is planning a series of informal "get togethers" in Europe between the Jews and Arabs.

The Commission has adopted the idea after a week of discussion with Arab delegates here and had made it clear that a round-table conference on peace would not be popular at this stage.

The Commission is now sounding Arab opinion on the "get together" plan, but it is not clear whether the idea has yet been broached in Israel.

United Nations sources said tonight that Israel had rejected the idea of a round-table conference with the Arabs, but might agree to meet the Arab countries individually.

The aim of the "get togethers"—which would probably be held in Geneva—is to have a series of bilateral discussions to clarify the position.

Arab sources said tonight that they are maintaining their position, that there would have to be some settlement of the refugee problem before they would be willing to talk peace.

The Commission is hoping, however, that both sides will agree to exchange views informally.

Nearing End

The Israel-Transjordan armistice talks in Rhodes are now "nearing the end," a United Nations official said today. The drafting of the final

agreement will begin tomorrow at the first of a series of joint informal meetings under the chairmanship of the Acting Mediator for Palestine, Dr. Ralph Bunche, the official added.

This will, it is expected, take two days, after which the text will be submitted to the two delegations. This submission will be merely a routine affair, the spokesman said.

He predicted that signatures to the armistice agreement are likely at the week-end. Dr. Bunche is reported to have already worked out the basic lines of the agreement with Dr. Constantin Stavropoulos, legal adviser, who left for the United States on Saturday.

Today Dr. Bunche conferred separately with the heads of the Israeli and Transjordan delegations. Brigadier-General William Riley, United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine, and M. Henri Vigier, Dr. Bunche's personal assistant, are due to leave tomorrow for Haifa and Damascus to open the Israeli-Syrian armistice negotiations.—Reuter.

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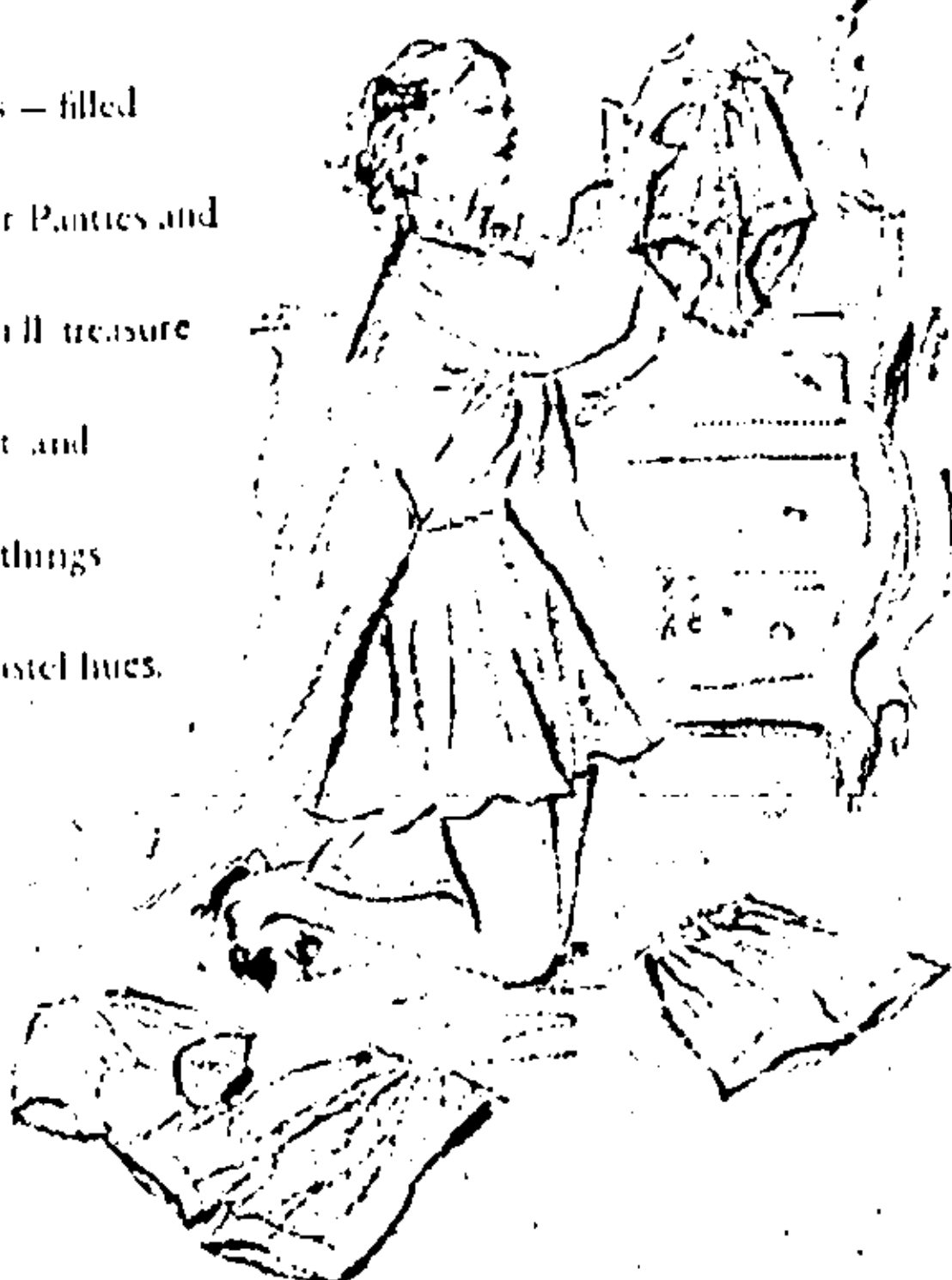
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COMMUNISTS KILL 48 CATHOLIC PRIESTS

Shanghai, March 29.

Since V-J Day, 48 Catholic missionaries have been killed in Communist areas of China. Thirty-two more have died in prison, three shortly after being released from prison, and 13 have been missing for more than two years and are presumed dead.

These statistics are reported by the Reverend Charles McCarthy.

Last Note Was Thanks For Rope

London, March 28. A Czech-born woman, found hanging from her bedroom door post in London, left a note saying: "Darling, thank you very much for leaving the length of rope for me. I should not have had the courage to go out and buy one."

This was disclosed at the resumed inquest today on Mrs. Ida Young, wife of a former Navy Commander, Edgar Philip Young. The coroner, Mr. Bentley Pur-chase, handed the letter to Commander Young and asked him what it meant. "Nothing as far as I am concerned," he replied. "The implied suggestion put in is quite fantastic."

He said he had many pieces of rope for roasting, but "Frankly, I do not know if I had that piece."

The Commander said he had certainly never suggested suicide to his wife, or discussed it with her. The letter was said to have been written by Mrs. Young two days before she was found dead.

The coroner adjourned the inquest until April 5. Mrs. Young was before her marriage in 1939. Dr. Ida Sintelkova, Doctor of Philosophy of Prague University. —Reuter.

BEDELL SMITH GETS COMMAND

Washington, March 28. Lieutenant-General Walter Bedell Smith, whose resignation as Ambassador to Russia was accepted on Friday by President Truman, was named today to be commander of the First Army, with headquarters at Governor's Island, New York.

General Smith succeeds General Courtney Hodges, who retired on January 31. —United Press.

Of the missionaries killed, 10 were foreigners. There were three Germans, two French, an American, a Dane, a Belgian, a Hollander and a Swiss.

The American was Father James L. Divine, who was killed at Sinkan in Fukien Province in May, 1947.

The nine foreigners died in prison. Most of the missionaries were shot to death, Reverend McCarthy said. But the others were beaten or bayoneted. The largest casualty group was 33 Trappist monks from a monastery, 80 miles west of Peiping. The monastery was taken by the Reds on July 28, 1947. Of the original community of 75, six were shot and 27 were sent to prison.

Careful Checks

Reverend McCarthy said the Holy Bible records of missionaries were gathered from reports from merchants, missionaries and other travellers from the Communist zones. He said the reports were not entered in the records until carefully checked for accuracy.

At present, there are proportionately more Catholics in Red than in Nationalist China. It is estimated that 1,062,000 of the 3,800,000 Catholics in China are under the Communists and 350,000 others live in areas immediately adjacent to the Red areas. After the war there were 1,286 foreign and 1,428 Chinese priests, 660 foreign and 240 Chinese brothers and 827 foreign and 2,439 Chinese Nuns.

Out of this group, approximately 1,220—500 foreigners and 500 Chinese—are continuing work.

Catholics maintain a number of mission schools throughout China. Two Universities are in the Communist North, Fudan in Peiping and Tsingtu in Tientsin. There have been 10,000 foreign missionaries since Tientsin fell to the Reds, but Fudan has been reorganised and control is passed to the Chinese. —Associated Press.



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Nazis Back In Civil Service

Berlin, March 28.

An American Labour leader said today that so many former Nazis have infiltrated back into the German civil service that they now hold about half the public jobs in the U.S. zone.

"The situation is serious," said Dr. Joseph Mire, an executive in the State County and Municipal Employees' Union who has just completed a three months survey for the U.S. Military Government.

He told a news conference that conditions will get worse as public payrolls are reduced because former Nazis are preferred for the jobs. —Associated Press.

'Queen's' Are Worth 15 Millions

London, March 28.

A White Paper throws some light on what has always been a closely guarded secret—the value of the two famous Cunard liners, the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth.

The State document details the provisions of the Cunard Insurance Act, which deals with the insurance of the two liners. The figures mentioned in the Act are £8 million for the Queen Elizabeth and £5,250,000 for the Queen Mary.

Shipping experts emphasise that these figures cannot be regarded as representing the cost of replacing the liners. They are merely values agreed for insurance purposes under the Act and experts say that the White Paper nowhere suggests that the liners are intended to be replacement costs.

Enquiries in shipping circles show that, at present shipbuilding prices, the replacement of each liner would probably cost nearer £15 million or between a quarter and half and three times the agreed values for insurance purposes. —Reuter.

FRANCE'S DECISIVE SWITCH TO RIGHT

Paris, March 28.

A sweeping reduction in the number of Communist-held seats featured the French departmental elections, the final results of which were made known today.

Though each party is crying victory, there is general agreement that France has moved to the right, whether inside or outside the Government's "Third Force" Coalition.

The full significance of the results will not be known until an official analysis is published of the votes cast yesterday, and until the 401 "Independents" clarify their attitude.

Only 37 of the 167 outgoing Communist Councillors regained their seats.

In almost all of the 725 seats for which a run-off second ballot was held yesterday—involving three million voters—the "Third Force" and Gaullist electors combined to defeat the Communist candidates.

An official classification of the various groups which took part in the election divided up the full 1,507 seats contested as follows: Government supporters (Socialists, Popular Republicans, Radicals, "Independents" and nine smaller groups)—1,081 seats. Gaullists and 10 other groups accepting the Gaullist platform—389 seats. The Communists and near-Communists—37 seats.

Reynoud's Coll

The Gaullists today strongly disputed these figures, claiming 543 candidates, while the Communists said they won nearly a quarter of the votes in spite of their low number of seats.

The official figures assume the "Independents," who increased from 150 to 401, to be Government supporters, but most observers prefer to wait and see.

Already one of the chief leaders of the "Independents," a former Premier, M. Paul Reynoud, has called for changes in the Cabinet.

May Cease Shipments To Britain

Buenos Aires, March 28.

Suspension of Argentine meat shipments to Britain is being discussed as a temporary possibility.

Consideration of a suspension followed the Argentine Government's decision that all sales of meat in Britain from Friday, April 1 must be paid for at prices which, authoritative reports say, would be well over double those paid by Britain under the Andes Meat Agreement.

This new price, according to advice received by the British Embassy last week, would apply not only to all future shipments to be negotiated, but also to the balance of meat Argentina failed to deliver under the Andes Pact, which expires on Thursday.

Although the British Embassy has not yet replied, it is understood that Britain would discountinue meat purchases until the present Anglo-Argentine trade negotiations are concluded, rather than accept Argentina's demands. —Reuter.

TRADE OUTLOOK IN PI

Manila, March 28.

The Republic will not be able to balance her foreign trade in three years, despite the new import control law, the Secretary of Commerce, Senator Cornel Balmeida, told the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives today.

However, he predicted that the increase in exports in 1949 will be greater than the expected increase in imports. —Reuter.

RUSSIAN OBJECTION ON JAPAN

Bangkok, March 28.

Strong Soviet opposition to the study of Japan's economy by the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) marked the opening session of the Committee of the whole Commission in Bangkok today.

The Soviet Minister to Siam, M. Serge Njemchik, asserted that the Far Eastern Commission is the only body entitled to discuss the subject.

The British delegate, Mr. P. J. H. Stent, said ECAFE intends to consider only the promotion of trade between Japan and the countries of the Asiatic area. There is no intention of interfering with the Far Eastern Commission's control of Japan's internal economy.

M. Njemchik was outvoted after he had refused to withdraw his request that the discussion of the promotion of Japanese trade should be deleted from the conference's agenda.

The Netherlands Government and affiliated States are not represented at the conference, but the Indonesian Republicans sent a delegation.

A representative of the Vietnamese (Indo-Chinese) Republic is also attending as a "visitor."

The Siamese representative, Phya Srivara Vacha, was elected chairman of the meeting and the Pakistani representative, Professor M. Hassan, vice-chairman.

The conference was adjourned until tomorrow after agreeing on the following agenda:

- 1.—An examination of reports and recommendations about regional industrial and trade development problems.
- 2.—Consideration of the implementation of the recommendations of the working party on industrial and trade development.
- 3.—Planning of a machinery for this purpose. —Reuter.

Shipping Rates War

Rotterdam, March 28.

The United Netherlands Shipping Company today denied reports that the Dutch had started the present freight rate war on the India-European run.

The company, in a press statement, said the Dutch line had submitted many proposals for a solution of the problems involved, but all were rejected.

The statement declared that the initiative came from the Conference Lines, who decided at a meeting in Antwerp on March 1 to set up a fighting committee in Rotterdam and Antwerp and to threaten supporters of the Dutch line that they would lose their rebates on shipments with Conference lines. —Reuter.

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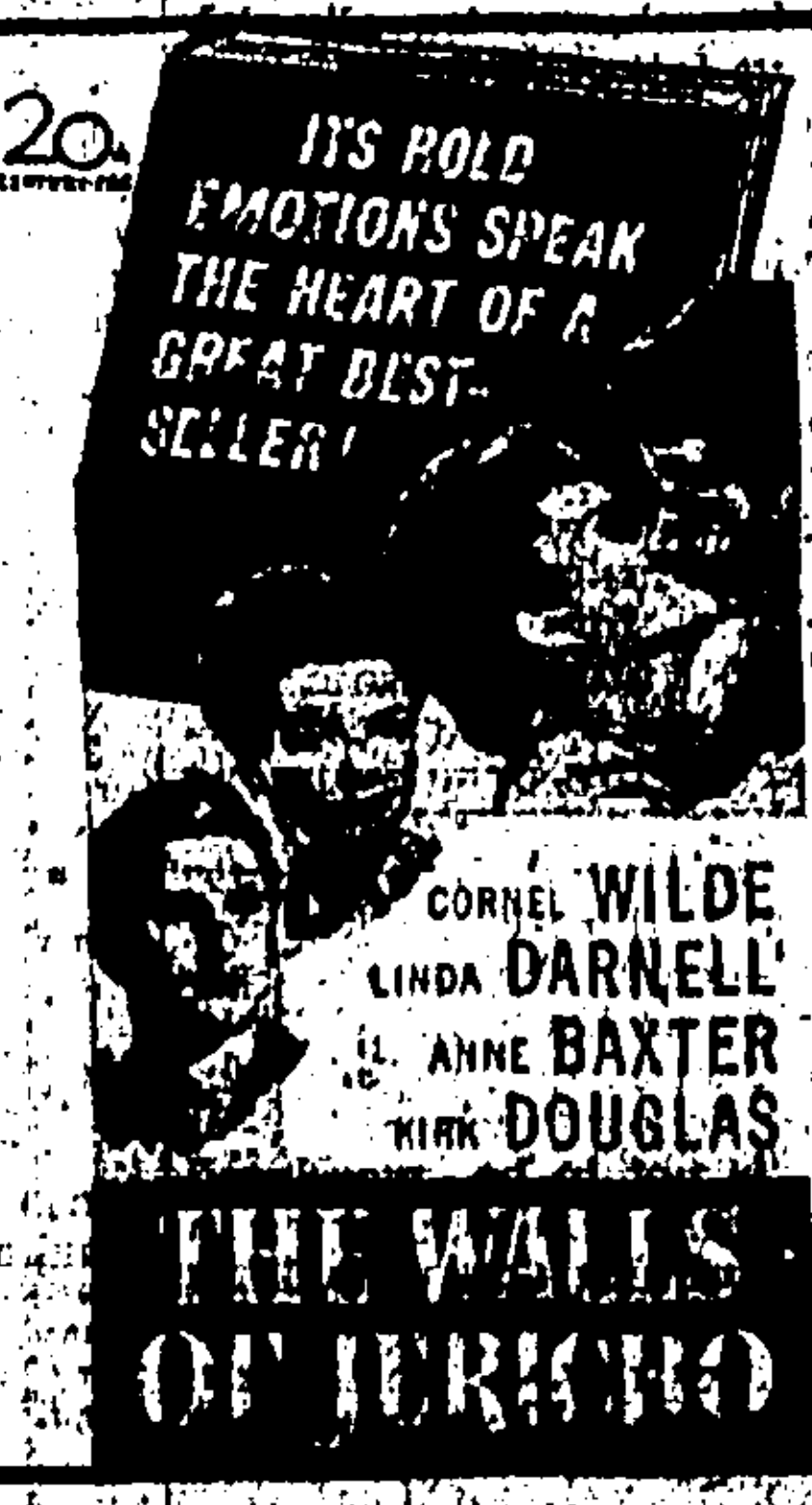
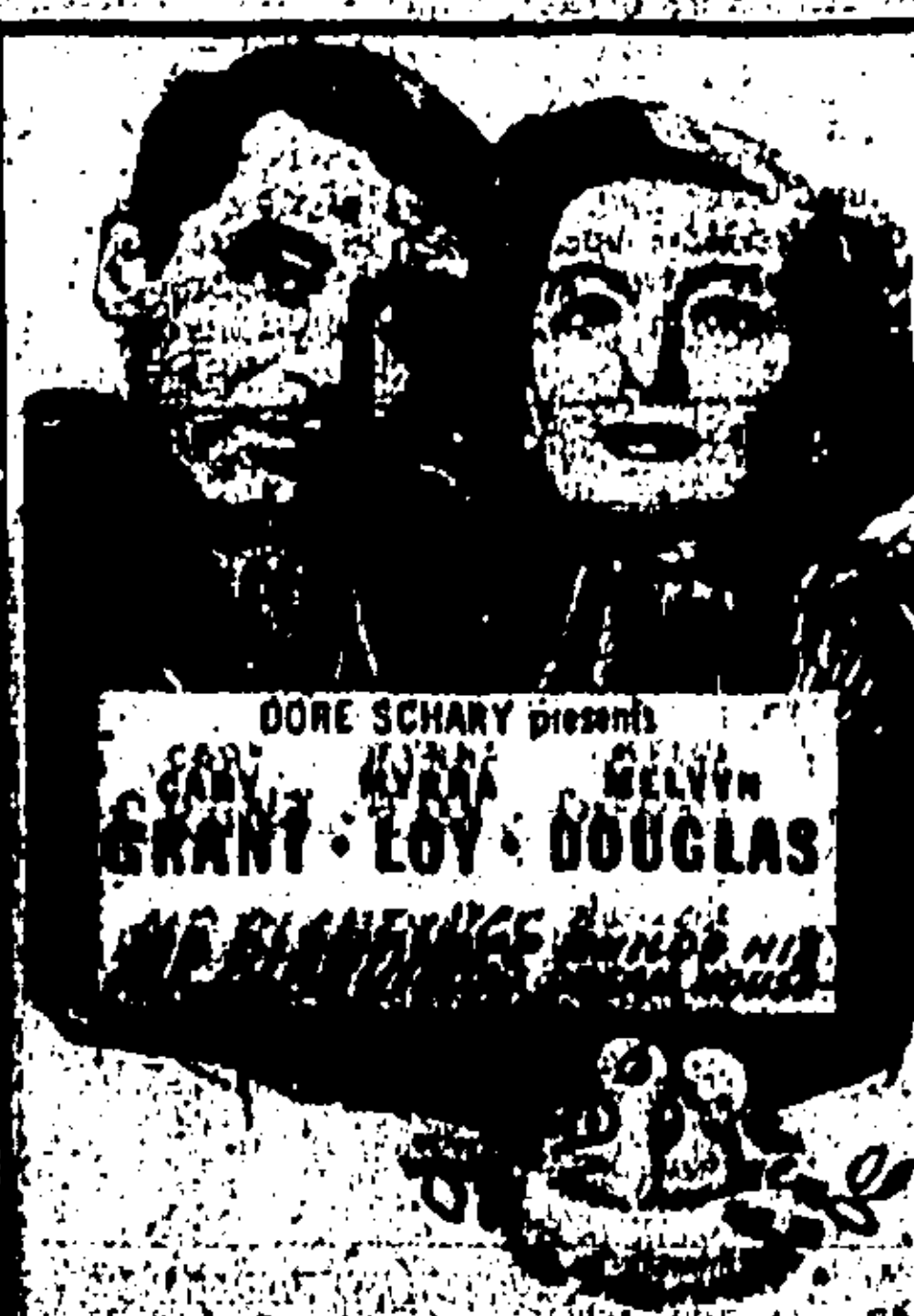
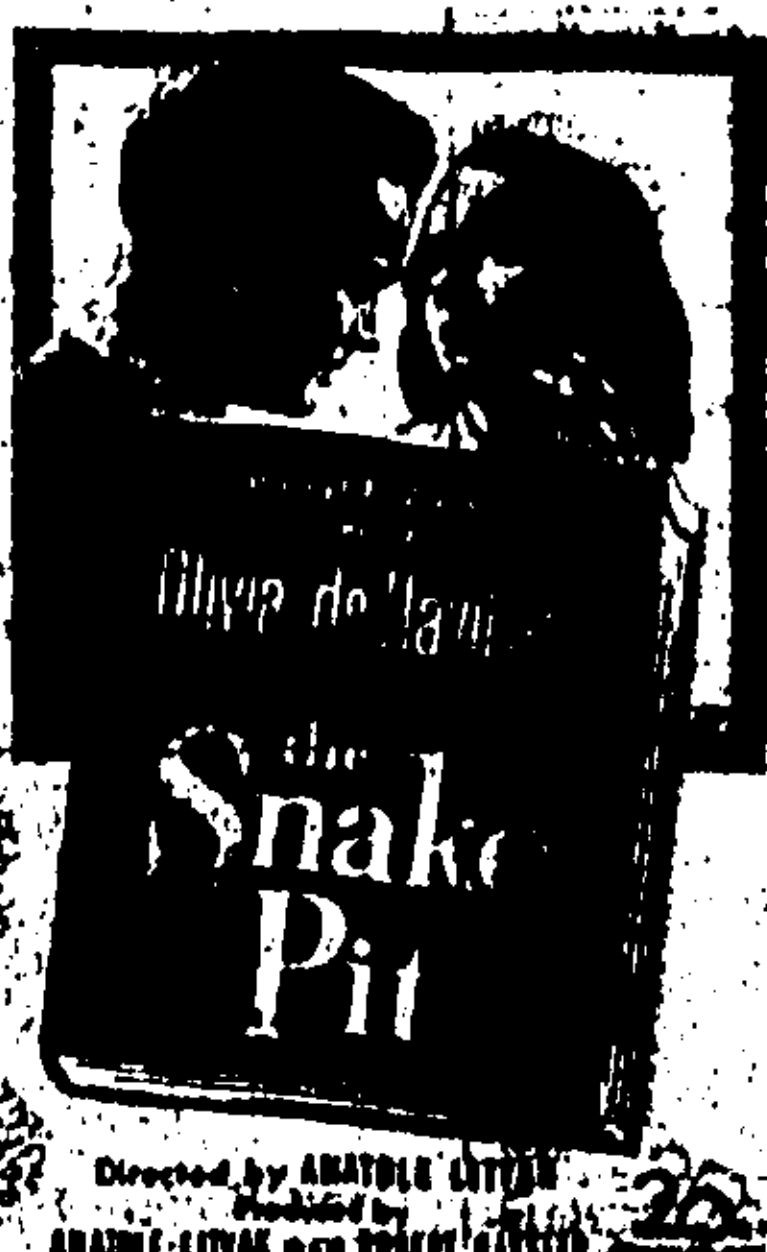
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and refuelling bases to maintain naval control of the critical stretch of the route round the Cape.

Fourthly, a French de Gaulle brigade from England, with West African reinforcements, was to be sent round the Cape to Egypt in order to effect the capture of Jibouti, in case conditions there became favourable (Operation Marie).

A Brigade

Preparations were also being made to reinforce Malta, particularly in air power (Operation Finch) with the object of regaining control of the passage between Sicily and Tunisia. An important element in this policy all plans had been made for the capture by a brigade of commandos, of which Sir Roger Keyes wished to take personal command, of the rocky island of Pantelleria (Operation Workshop).

Every effort was ordered to be made to develop a strong naval and air base in Crete, at Suda Bay, pending the movement thither of any reinforcements for its defence which a change in the Greek situation might require. We were developing airfields in Greece both to aid the Greek Army and to strike at Italy or, if necessary, at the Rumanian oilfields. Similarly, the active development of airfields in Turkey and technical assistance to the Turks was in progress.

Finally, the revolt in Abyssinia was being fanned by every means and respectable forces were based on Khartoum to strike in the neighbourhood of Kassa, on the White Nile, against the menace of a large Italian army in Abyssinia. A movement was planned from Kenya for an amphibious advance up the East African Coast and into the Red Sea to capture the Italian fortified seaports of Asseb and Massawa, with a view to the conquest of the Italian colony of Eritrea.

Kind Letter

Thus I was able to lay before the War Cabinet a wide choice of carefully-considered and detailed enterprises which could at very short notice be launched against the enemy, and certainly, from among them we could find the means for an active and successful overseas offensive warfare, albeit on a secondary scale, with which to relieve and adorn our conduct of the war during the early part of 1941, throughout which the building-up of our main war-strength in men and munitions, in aircraft, tanks and artillery, would be continuously and immensely expanded.

As the end of the year approached, both its lights and its shadows stood out harshly on the picture. We were alive. We had beaten the German Air Force. There had been no invasion of the Island. The Army at home was now very powerful. London had risen triumphant from all her ordeals. Everything connected with our air mastery over our own Island was improving fast. The smear of Communists who obeyed a their Moscow orders gibbered about a Capitalist-imperialist War. But the factories hummed and the whole British nation toiled night and day, uplifted by a surge of relief and pride. Victory sparkled in the Libyan Desert, and across the Atlantic the Great Republic drew ever nearer to her duty and our aid.

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REGIONAL DEFENCE

For good or ill, the world is slowly forming vast systems of regional defence, and agitation for some kind of Pacific alliance can be confidently expected in the near future. First moves will almost certainly come, directly or otherwise, from America, but unless events force her hand, she is likely to let the flurry over the Atlantic Pact die down before embarking on new commitments.

At the moment there is heated criticism of the Western agreement, largely motivated by Moscow, although often obliquely. Part of the Communist technique is the quiet dissemination of propaganda by "underground" methods—apparently reasonable criticism of Allied policy likely to appeal to Left Wing writers and politicians, who may adopt the comments as their own. While strongly opposing Communism, these social-democrats are often unwitting tools of the Kremlin, and instances of this can be obviously seen at the present moment in Europe and the United States.

Yesterday Mr. Henry Wallace, former U.S. vice-president and now leader of a third party, came out with another denunciation of his country's foreign policy, saying that America would now be at war with Russia if she had been bound in Asia by a treaty like the Atlantic Pact. Millions of Chinese, he maintained, hated America "for feeding the fires of the civil war that might have been avoided." This is a typical Wallace half-truth. Certainly the Chinese are now heartily sick of the civil war, but in the early days many of them were even more afraid of the Reds, and welcomed aid from the West. Mr. Wallace may have been quite happy to see the representatives of Moscow overrun the whole sub-continent, but many others did not share his views. And the corrupt disintegration of the Kuomintang cannot fairly be laid at the door of Washington.

Another ridiculous remark was that "whereas the country was only partially Communist when our military aid began, today it is all but completely Communist." Would the situation have been any different, would Marxist domination concepts have been cancelled, if there had been no foreign intervention? The fact remains, however, that any form of Pacific Pact will be very much more difficult to implement than the Atlantic Pact. The area to be consolidated is vast, and separated by endless leagues of sea. The matter is further complicated by the variety of social and economic development, and degree of self-government. There is the Dominion of Australia, a sovereign power but voluntarily linked by background and other ties to Britain; the now independent but troubled, former American possession of the Philippines; Occupied Japan, with MacArthur glistening as godhead, with power more sweeping than Hirohito had, but uncertain of the future of his cloud-capped status; Korea a dead loss in an emergency, divided between two warring colossi; ruined China about to come under the velvet hand of the Politburo.

Prime Minister to General Wavell, 13.xii.40.

I send you my heartfelt congratulation on your splendid victory, which fulfils our hopes. The House of Commons was stirred when I explained the skilful Staff work required, and daring execution by the Army of its arduous task. The King will send you a message as soon as full results are apparent. Meanwhile, pray convey my thanks and compliments to Wilson and accept the same yourself.

The poet Walt Whitman says that from every fruition of success, however full, comes forth something to make a greater struggle necessary. Naturally, pursuit will hold the first place in your thoughts. It is at the moment when the victor is most exhausted that the greatest effort can be exacted from the vanquished. Nothing would shake Mussolini more than a disaster in Libya itself. No doubt you have considered taking some harbour in Italian territory to which the Fleet can bring all your stuff and which will give you a new jumping-off point to hunt them along the coast until you come up against real resistance. It looks as if these people were corn ripe for the sickle.

By December 16 all enemy troops had been driven from Egypt. The greater part of the Italian forces remaining in Cyrenaica had withdrawn within the defences of Bardia, which was now isolated. This ended the first phase of the battle of Sidi Barrani, which resulted in the destruction of the greater part of five enemy divisions. Over 38,000 prisoners were taken; our own casualties were 133 killed, 387 wounded and 8 missing.

Our Cause

The Army of the Nile has rendered glorious service to the Empire and to our cause, and we are already reaping rewards in every quarter. We are deeply indebted to you, Wilson and other commanders, whose fine professional skill and audacious leading have gained as the memorable victory of the Libyan desert. Your first objective now must be to maul the Italian army and rip them off the African shore to the utmost possible extent. We were very glad to learn your intentions against Bardia and Tobruk, and now to hear of the latest capture of Sollum and Capuzzo. I feel convinced that the Italian after you have made sure that you can get no farther that you will relinquish the main hope in favour of secondary action in the Sudan or Dodecanese.

The Sudan is of prime importance, and eminently desirable, and it may be that the two Indian brigades (i.e. the 4th British Indian Division) can be spared without undue loss to the Libyan pursuit battle. The Dodecanese will not get harder for a little waiting. But neither of them ought to detract from the supreme task of inflicting further defeats upon the main Italian army. I cannot, of course, pretend to judge special conditions from here, but Napoleon's maxim: "Frappez la masse et tout le reste vient par soi-même" seems to ring in one's ears. I must recur to the suggestion made in my previous telegram about amphibious operations.

Indo-China torn by its own civil war; the Dutch East Indies in unhappy travail; rich Malaya tottering on the verge of chaos; Burma prostrated by tribal warfare; the uneasy association of India-Pakistan liable to Communist or caste disorders at any given time. All with widely divergent ideologies and stages of development; many with ancient hatreds and taboos. Only one voice has permeated them all—Asia for the Asians. And it is a pitiful, archaic echo from Tokyo in an age of high-power politics. Would anyone say that they would all rally round a Western imperialistic concept? Hardly. And would they—could they—amalgamate as separate units? Even the didactic senators in Washington do not think so.

It is not to be wondered that the handful of despots in the Kremlin are smacking their lips—although as far with restrained politeness. Their slave millions may not be too well off, but before long—so goes the belief—they will not be the only ones.

and landings behind the enemy's front to cut off hostile detachments and to carry forward supplies and troops by sea.

Furious Again

Pray convey my compliments and congratulations to Longmore on his magnificent handling of R.A.F. and fine co-operation with the Army. I hope most of the new Hurricanes have reached him safely. Tell him we are filling up Furious again with another even larger packet of flybombs from Takeradi. He will also get those that are being carried through in [Operation] Excess. Both these should arrive early in January.

Prime Minister to General Wavell, 18.xii.40.

St. Matthew, Chapter vii, verse 7: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

Bardia was our next objective. Within its perimeter, 17 miles in extent, was the greater part of four more Italian divisions. The defences comprised a continuous anti-tank ditch and wire obstacles with concrete block-houses at intervals, and behind this was a second line of fortifications. The storming of this considerable stronghold required preparation. The 7th Armoured Division prevented all enemy escape to the North and North West. For the result there were available the 6th Australian Division, the 18th British Infantry Brigade, the 7th Battalion Royal Tank Regiment (26 tanks), one machine-gun battalion, one field and one medium regiment of Corps Artillery.

To complete this episode of desert victory I shall intrude upon the New Year. The attack opened early on January 3. One Australian battalion covered by a strong artillery concentration seized and held a lodgement in the Western perimeter. Behind them engineers filled in the anti-tank ditch. Two Australian brigades carried on the attack and swept East and South Eastwards. They sang at that time a song they had brought with them from Australia which soon spread to Britain.

"We're off to see the Wizard. The wonderful wizard of Oz. We hear he is a Whiz of a Whiz. If ever a whiz there was."

This tune always reminds me of those buoyant days. By the afternoon of the 4th, British tanks—"Mittids" as they were named—supported by infantry, entered Bardia, and by the 6th all the defenders had surrendered. Forty-five thousand prisoners and 462 guns were taken.

Before Tobruk

By next day, January 6, Tobruk in its turn had been isolated by the 7th Armoured Division, and on the 7th the leading Australian brigade stood before its Eastern defences. Here the perimeter was 27 miles long and similar to that of Bardia, except that the anti-tank ditch at many points was not deep enough to be effective. The garrison consisted of one complete infantry division, a corps headquarters, and a mass of remnants from the forward areas.

It was not possible to launch the assault till January 21, when under a strong barrage another Australian brigade pierced the perimeter on its Southern face. The two other brigades of the division entered the beleaguered town, swinging in from left and right. By nightfall one-third of the defended area was in our hands, and early next morning all resistance ceased. The prisoners amounted to nearly 30,000 with 226 guns.

The Desert Army had in six weeks advanced over 200 miles of waterless and featureless space, had taken by assault two strongly fortified seaports with permanent

air and marine defences, and captured 110,000 prisoners and over 700 guns. This great Italian Army which had invaded and hoped to conquer Egypt, scarcely existed as a military force, and only the imperious difficulties of distance and supplies delayed an indefinite advance to the West.

Throughout these operations vigorous support was provided by the Fleet. Bardia and Tobruk were in turn heavily bombed from the sea and the Fleet Air Arm played its part in the battle on land. Above all, the Navy sustained the Army in its advance by handling about 3,000 tons of supplies a day for the forward troops, besides maintaining an invaluable ferry service for personnel through the captured ports.

Their Success

Our victorious army was also greatly indebted for their success to the mastery which the Royal Air Force gained over the Regia Aeronautica. Although in inferior numbers, the aggressiveness of our pilots soon established a complete moral ascendancy that gave them the freedom of the air. Our attacks on enemy airfields reaped a rich reward, and hundreds of their aircraft were later found wrecked and abandoned.

In this instalment, which concludes the second volume of his book, Mr. Churchill reviews the situation at the end of 1940.

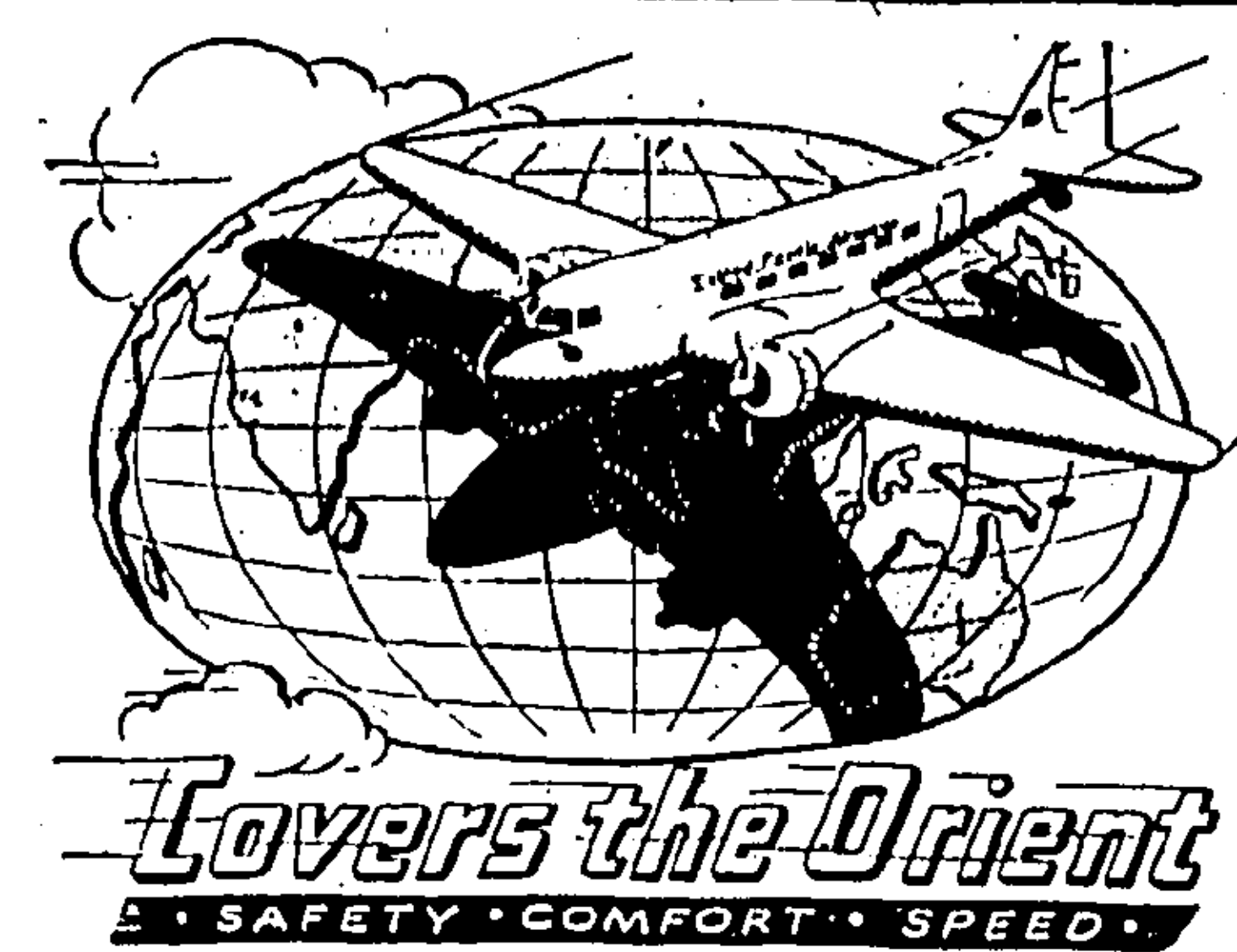
At this stage we may review the numerous tanks and projects for which plans, and in most cases approvals, in principle, obtained. The first was of course the defence of the island against invasion. We had now armed and equipped, though not in all cases at the highest standard of modern equipment, nearly 30 high-class mobile divisions, a large proportion of whom were Regulars, and all of whose men had been under intense training for 15 months. Of these we considered that apart from the coastal troops, 16 would be sufficient to deal with overseas invasion.

The Home Guard, now more than a million men, had rifles and some cartridges in their hands, apart from our reserve. We therefore had 12 or 16 divisions available for offensive action overseas as needed and opportunity arose. The reinforcement of the Middle East, and especially of the Army of the Nile, from Australia and New Zealand and from India had already been provided for by shipping and by other arrangements. As the Mediterranean was still closed, very long voyages and many weeks were required for all these convoys and their escorts.

Good Army

Secondly, in case Vichy or the French in North Africa should rally to the common cause, we had prepared an Expeditionary Force of six divisions, with an air component, for an unopposed and assisted landing in Moroccan Atlantic ports, principally Casablanca. Whether we could move this good army to French Morocco or to Coula opposite Gibraltar more rapidly than the Germans could move theirs was a question of equipment through Spain depended upon the degree of Spanish resistance. We could, however, if invited, and if we liked it, land at Cadix to support the Spaniards.

Thirdly, in case the Spanish Government yielded to German pressure and became Hitler's ally or co-belligerent, thus making the harbour at Gibraltar unusable, we held ready a strong brigade with four suitable fast transports to land and occupy some of the Atlantic islands. The Spanish Canaries were among these. Alternatively, if the Portuguese Government agreed that we might for this purpose invoke the Anglo-Portuguese Alliance of 1373, "Friends to friends, and foes to foes," we could set up with all speed a base in the Cape Verde Islands. This operation, called "Shrapnel" would secure us the necessary air



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The Reform Club thinks the new budget is very cold blooded. Nevertheless it made Myrtle's grandfather very hot under the collar.

Looks as if the Nationalists are negotiating for the worst and simultaneously arming for the worst.

According to our printers yesterday, frogs from America might be used for laboratory purposes in medical colleges. And if the colleagues object...

Now a film star is held up as an exemplary mother. My illusions about gay, immoral Hollywood are perishing one by one.

A contemporary says UNO has no teeth. So, of course, there will be no pulling out.

On his father's side he was a descendant of Sir James Lind, 18th century medical writer who discovered lime juice could prevent scurvy. Add a little rum and it keeps out the cold.

Now, if there's anything you want," said the hotel manager to the new permanent resident, "just let me know, and I'll show you how to do without it."

"Oh, doctor," cried the wild-eyed man, "I'm dreadfully afflicted. The ghosts of my departed relatives come and perch on the tops of the fence-posts round my garden when dusk falls. Any evening I can see a couple of dozen spooks sitting on top of the posts, waiting... What can I do?"

The U.S. sent the Greek Army 400,000 tons of supplies in 12 months. As Byron said: They "counted them at break of day, and when the sun set—where were they?"

"I take everything my husband says with a grain of salt," said the lady as she showed the visitor a back room half filled with the stuff.

Some people are "incapable of expressing in words their thanks for a gift. It must be taken for granted."

A newly-commissioned type in the RAF was very proud as he escorted the C.O. into his mother's home the other evening. He is not sure of his promotion chances, however, following the good lady's bright query, "Ah, yes, you're the station master, aren't you?"



DRASTIC CHANGES IN PROGRAMME OF LABOUR DEMANDED

London, March 28.

Demands for a drastic change in the Labour policy and a bold Socialist programme are made by sections of Labour supporters in resolutions submitted for the party's National Conference in June.

The call for drastic policy changes come from the Tottenham, North London, branch of the party, which sponsors one of over 200 resolutions published today.

Tottenham views the approaching 1950 general election with concern. It refers to working class criticism and to the loss of middle class support as reflected in the recent Edmonton, London, bye-election, where the Labour majority dropped by over 15,000 votes.

The resolution states that wage freezing and social services cuts, when linked with expenditure on armaments, show the present trend to be in actual effect an attempt to stabilise an economy still essentially capitalist.

The "Battle for Payments" the resolution adds, cuts production costs through more work and wage freezing, and is reflected in a foreign policy which preserves the exploitation of colonial workers and those under British capital abroad in India, Ceylon, Palestine, Greece and so forth.

"Fear of competition has dismembered Germany, whose economic power is a necessity to a United Socialist States of Europe."

The resolution urges that the Labour election programme must contain the extension of the nationalisation policy to all important industries. It also demands a foreign policy that implements the rights of all peoples to elect their own governments, through the withdrawal of armed forces and, in Europe, campaigning in addition for the United Socialist States.

Bold Programme

Asking for the conversion of nationalisation into Socialism by a real transfer of economic power to the workers, the Tottenham Labour group demands a bold Socialist programme, including the nationalisation of land, the nationalisation of distribution, reduction in the cost of living, and other measures.

A proposal that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin should be advised by a Council of Five, which would travel the world to make on-the-spot reports to him, is one of a large group of resolutions on international policy.

It comes from the Labour Party branch at Coventry, the motor-car manufacturing city which is represented in Parliament by Mr. Richard Crossman, leading left wing Member of Parliament and the foremost critic of Mr. Bevin.

The Labour group of Woking, a residential town near London, in a resolution, urges the Government to ensure that any form of Western European union which may shortly come into being and not be merely a military alliance against the Soviet Union.

Cost of Living

The Jewish Socialist group welcomes the great Socialist victory of the Mpaal-Israeli Labour Party in the first Parliamentary elections. It asks the Conference to urge international assistance for Jewish reconstruction and full British diplomatic recognition to the new State, as an important step in the re-establishment of friendly relations between the British and Israeli Labour Movements.

CHINA AID TO AWAIT REVIEW

Washington, March 28.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee said today that extensive future aid to the Chinese Nationalist Government will have to await a full review of the situation.

The statement was made in the Committee report accompanying the bill which extends the expiration date of the China Aid Act to February 15, 1950, to allow the expenditure of \$54,000,000 appropriated for China last year and not yet spent.

The report said the bill should be understood as an interim proposal. The amount authorized would only be sufficient to continue the programme for a few months, but it is hoped conditions will permit a full review of the situation in China and American interests there before the end of the present session of Congress.

Such a review, the Committee said, would ascertain whether a programme of China aid would be desirable and practicable. The report said three principles of United States policy in China should form the basis for considering the nature and extent of aid.

1. Continuation of support by the United States of the principle of international respect for China's territorial and administrative integrity.

2. The desire of the people of the United States to continue normal economic and cultural relations with the people of China.

3. The desire of the United States to continue a programme of economic assistance to China so far as conditions make it practicable.

The Committee emphasized, however, that there is no intention of using this provision to assist any government in China which is dominated by the Chinese Communists. United Press.

British Protest To Russians

Vienna, March 28.

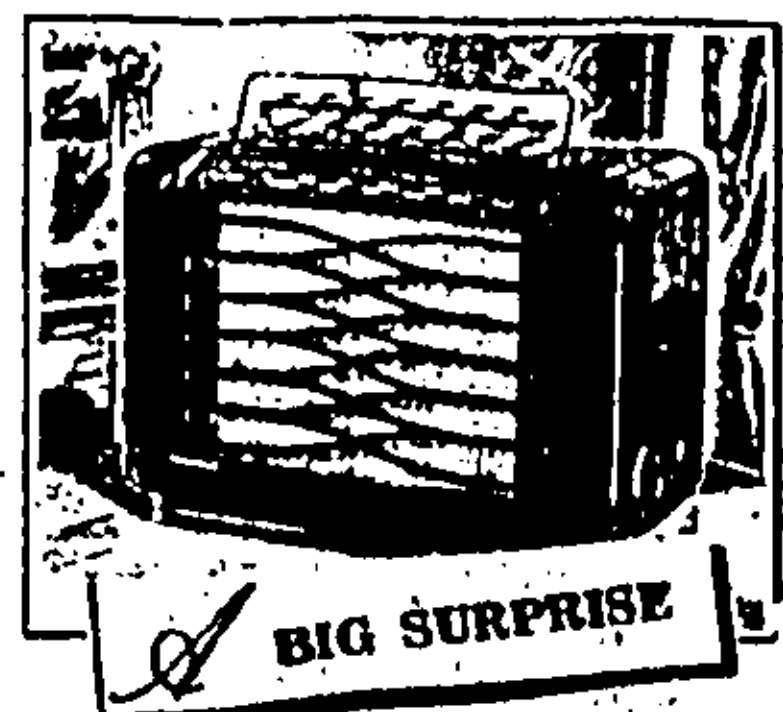
Major-General T. J. W. Winter, the British High Commissioner in Austria, officially protested to the Russians today about yesterday's incident in which two British Army corporals were assaulted by sentries outside the headquarters of the Russian Secret Police in Vienna.

General Winter sent the protest to the acting Soviet High Commissioner, Major-General Tzinev. The two corporals, Douglas Thompson and Ronald Hudson, received only superficial injuries and were back on duty today.

The corporals were walking past the Soviet Secret Police Headquarters when Thompson unwittingly stepped inside the barrier, an official British statement said last night. The Russian sentry shouted, but Thompson could not understand and the sentry knocked him down with a rifle butt, the statement added. When Corporal Hudson pushed the sentry aside, other Russian soldiers rushed out of the building and struck the two British. —Reuter.

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Spain Expels Three Britons

London, March 28.

The Foreign Office disclosed last night that the Spanish Government has forced three British Consuls to leave Spain since last July without giving any reason. Formal protests in each case produced no result, a spokesman declared. One of the British diplomats was asked to leave last July and the other two last month, he said. —Associated Press.

Combined Caribbean Operations

London, March 28.

A fortnight's combined operations in the Caribbean have demonstrated to naval chiefs in London and Ottawa that the British and Canadian navies can swing into operation at any time as a smoothly co-ordinated single force.

With the British and Canadian naval units in port at Guantanamo, Cuba, after cruising together for 1,000 miles from Antigua, the Admiralty announced tonight: "The two squadrons have worked together as if they belonged to the same fleet and, in addition to official contacts, valuable social contacts were made."

The manoeuvres were unspectacular. There were no mock bomb attacks or any other of the more dramatic forms of modern exercise. But all normal routine forms of naval exercise were carried out, including the towing of one warship by another and air strikes.

The forces taking part comprised the Royal Navy's America and West Indies Squadrons and the Canadian Naval "A" Squadron. —Reuter.

Nationalisation

It urges the Government to remove the restrictions on wage increases, increase the tax on profits and to take other measures which it considers necessary.

The Boards which run Britain's nationalised industries are criticised in a group of resolutions. The criticism extends to the composition of the Boards, methods of appointment, and the high salaries paid to executives and directors.

Industries and services mentioned in various resolutions as proper subjects for nationalisation include shipbuilding and ship repair, armaments, chemicals, engineering, aluminium, water, life insurance, building materials, sugar, flour, milling, wholesale food distribution, land and fire insurance.

Several resolutions on nationalised industries ask for greater workers' control in management. There are 33 resolutions on housing, some critical of Government policy. —Reuter.

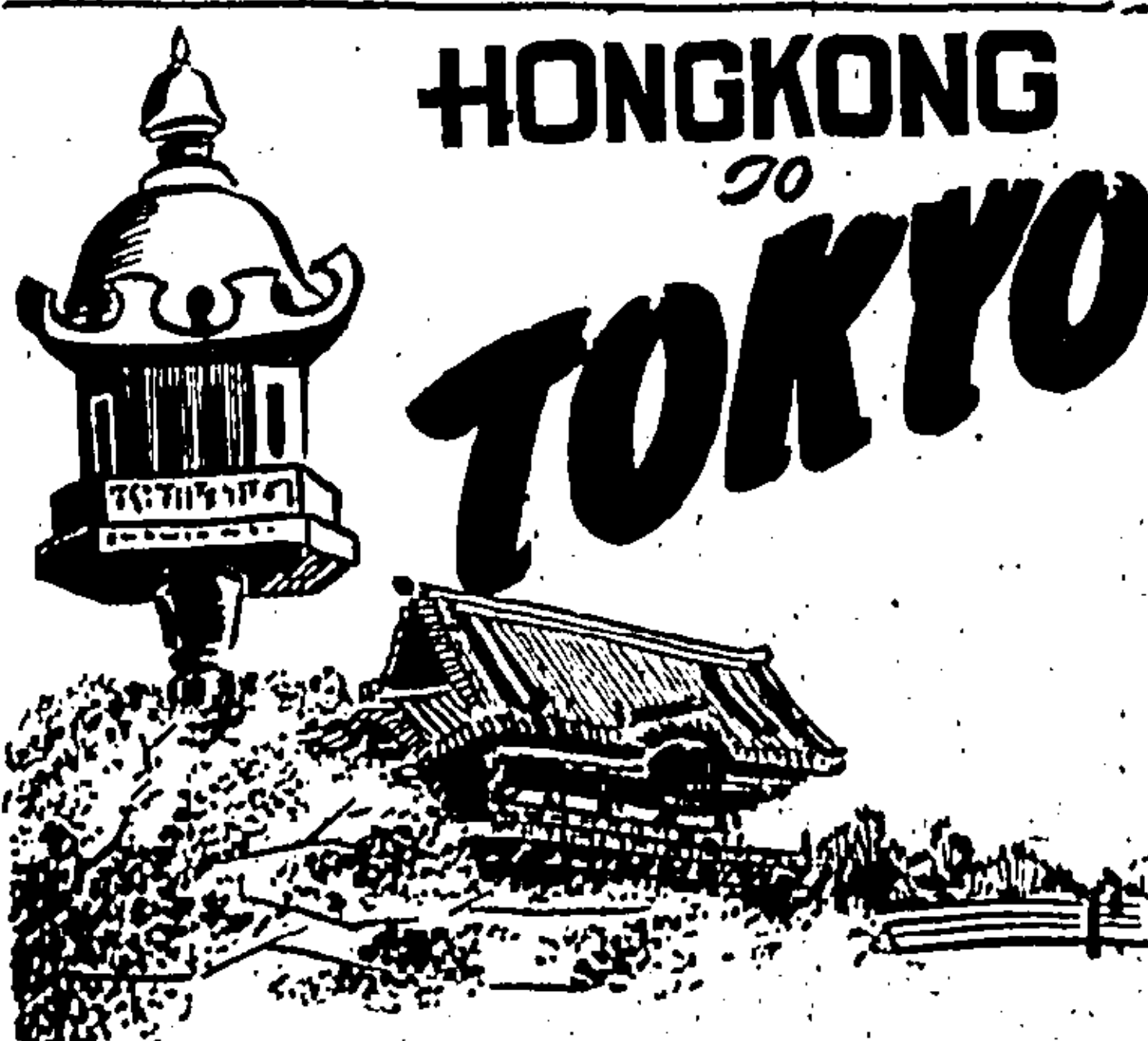
GERMAN WOMEN FOR BRITAIN

Frankfurt, March 28.

An agreement to let 10,000 German women between the ages of 18 and 35 take jobs in Britain was signed here today by representatives of the British and United States Military Governments.

A campaign to recruit the women will start soon throughout the American Zone.

Negotiations for the agreement were held in Stuttgart last week among officials of the British and American Military Governments and the Bi-zonal Labour Administration. —Reuter.



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TURKEY REJECTS NEUTRALITY IN CASE OF WAR

Istanbul, March 29.

Turkey's press today rejected indignantly any suggestion that the nation could remain neutral in a new war.

Such a possibility is attacked in a page one editorial in "Ulus," official organ of the ruling People's Party, which complains bitterly against Turkey's exclusion from the Atlantic Pact.

The influential Conservative paper, "Cumhuriyet," responded:

"While the giants clash there is no chance for little and medium nations to stand aside and watch."

"Ulus," in another editorial, explained that the article was a reflection only of the writer's point of view but observers read this with tongue in cheek.

No one could believe that an editorial so outspoken and so loaded with political explosive, could have been printed without approval from on high.

"Our newspaper is not directly a spokesman of the Government or the Foreign Office," "Ulus" wrote.

Another paper, "Tan," asserted that it is impossible for Turkey to remain neutral.

Servant Of Peace

"Turkey, as a peaceful nation, is a servant of peace," "Tan" said. "Being a peaceful nation Turkey cannot stand aside in a war for peace and to suggest to ignore her accomplishments in the interest of peace."

Informed quarters said that Turkish Foreign Minister, Necmeddin Sudak, had expressed displeasure over the "Ulus" editorial but there was no official comment of any nature.

The precise motive and machinations behind it built swiftly into the topic of conversation.

RUSSIA ACCUSES THE WEST

London, March 28.

Russia today accused the Western Powers of harbouring large numbers of anti-Soviet agents in Austria.

The accusation was made by the Soviet Ambassador, George Zarubin, at a meeting of the Big Four deputy Foreign Ministers who are attempting to write the Austrian peace treaty.

Zarubin asked the West to withhold relief from persons who for hostile reasons refuse to accept help from their government or refuse to go back to their own countries.

The American delegate, Sam Reber, backed up by the British and French representatives, turned down this request on the grounds that it means forced repatriation.

Zarubin argued that the West, in aiding refugees and displaced persons, is trying to protect persons engaged in acts against the interest of the Allies of World War II.

Several hundred thousand persons who left areas now occupied by the Soviets are in Austria as displaced persons or refugees. —United Press.

RADIO SET FOR BICYCLES

Stuttgart, March 28.

A Karlsruhe firm has developed a loudspeaker radio set, eight inches square, to fit on bicycle handle-bars.

A dynamo on the cycle provides current. —Reuter.

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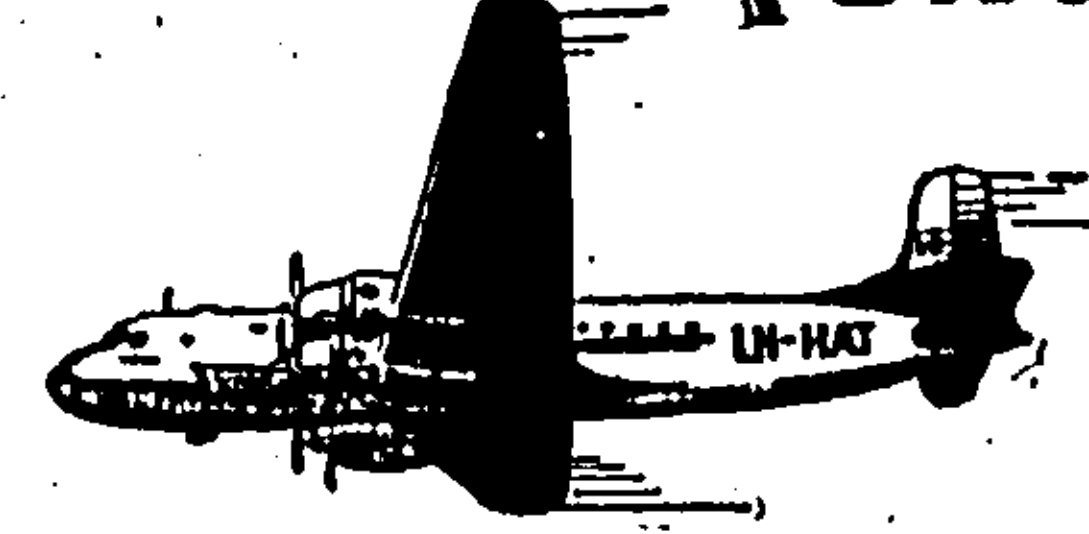
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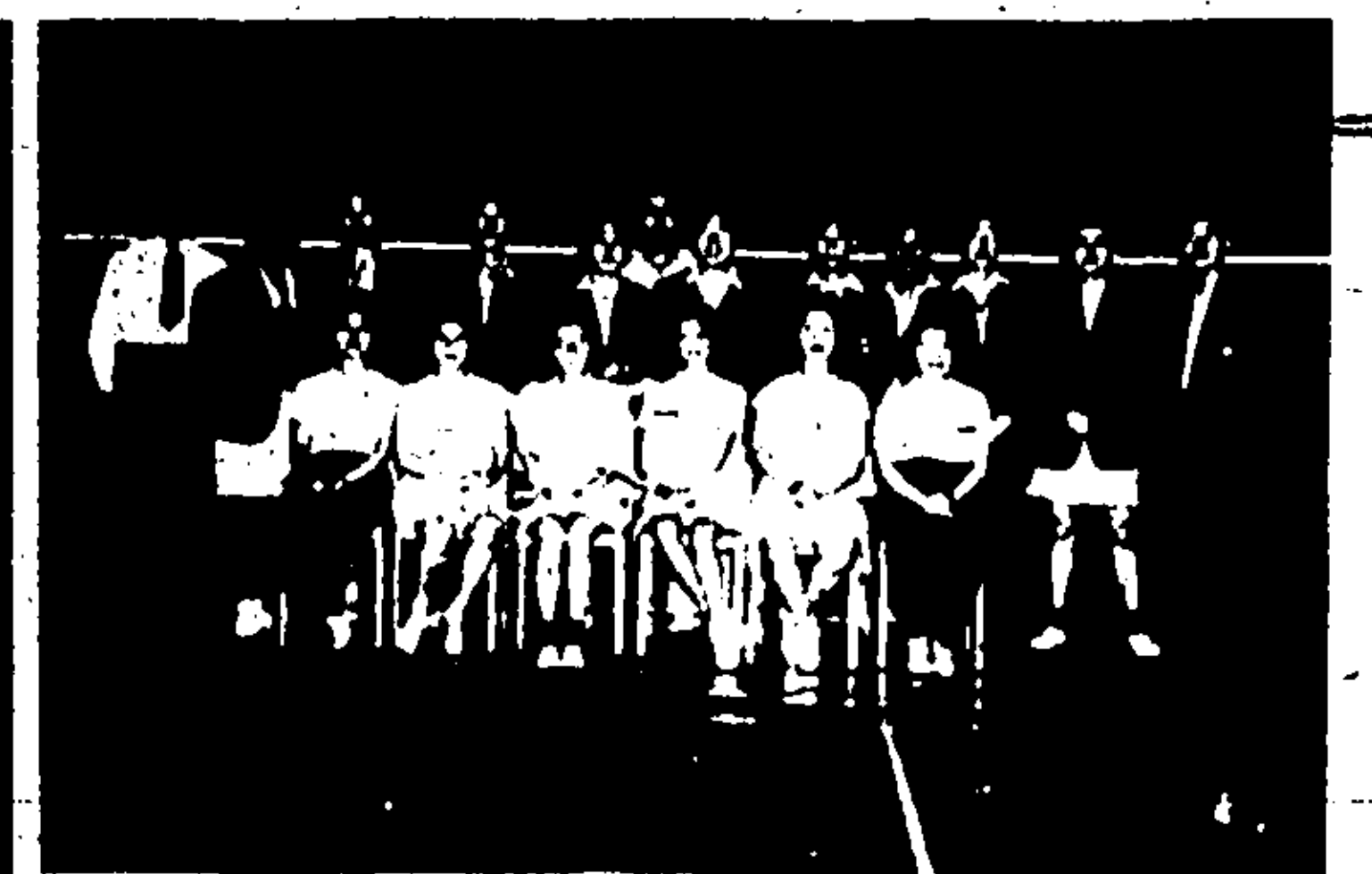


The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, (on left) officiated at the opening of Rediffusion on March 22. ("China Mail" photo)

Miss Wu Shuk-ying, aged six, and her nine-year-old brother, William, took part in the opening ceremony of Rediffusion last week. Here they are seen with their parents. ("Ming Yuen" Studio)

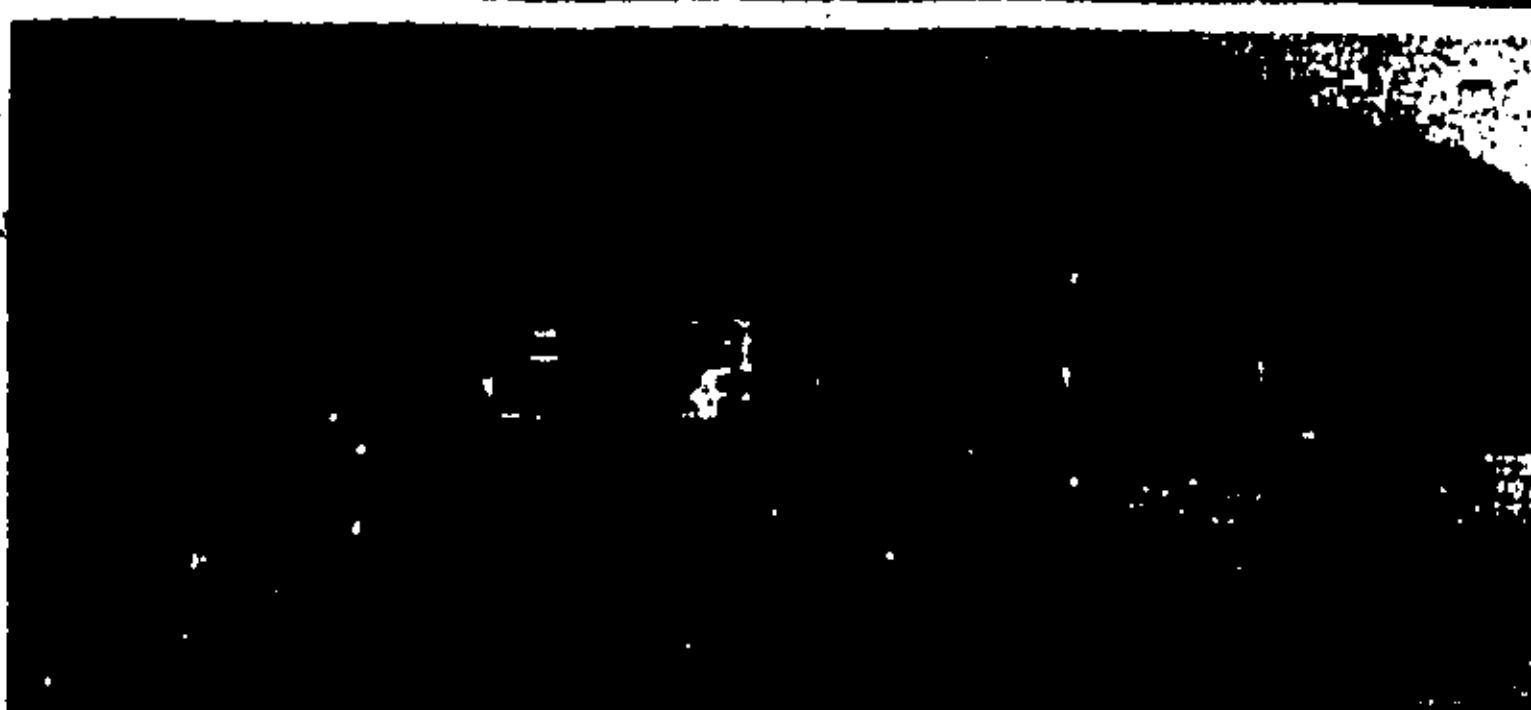


May Hall—represented by the sportsmen shown here—came second in the Hong Kong University Inter-Hostel Athletic Championship Competition. ("Ming Yuen" Studio)



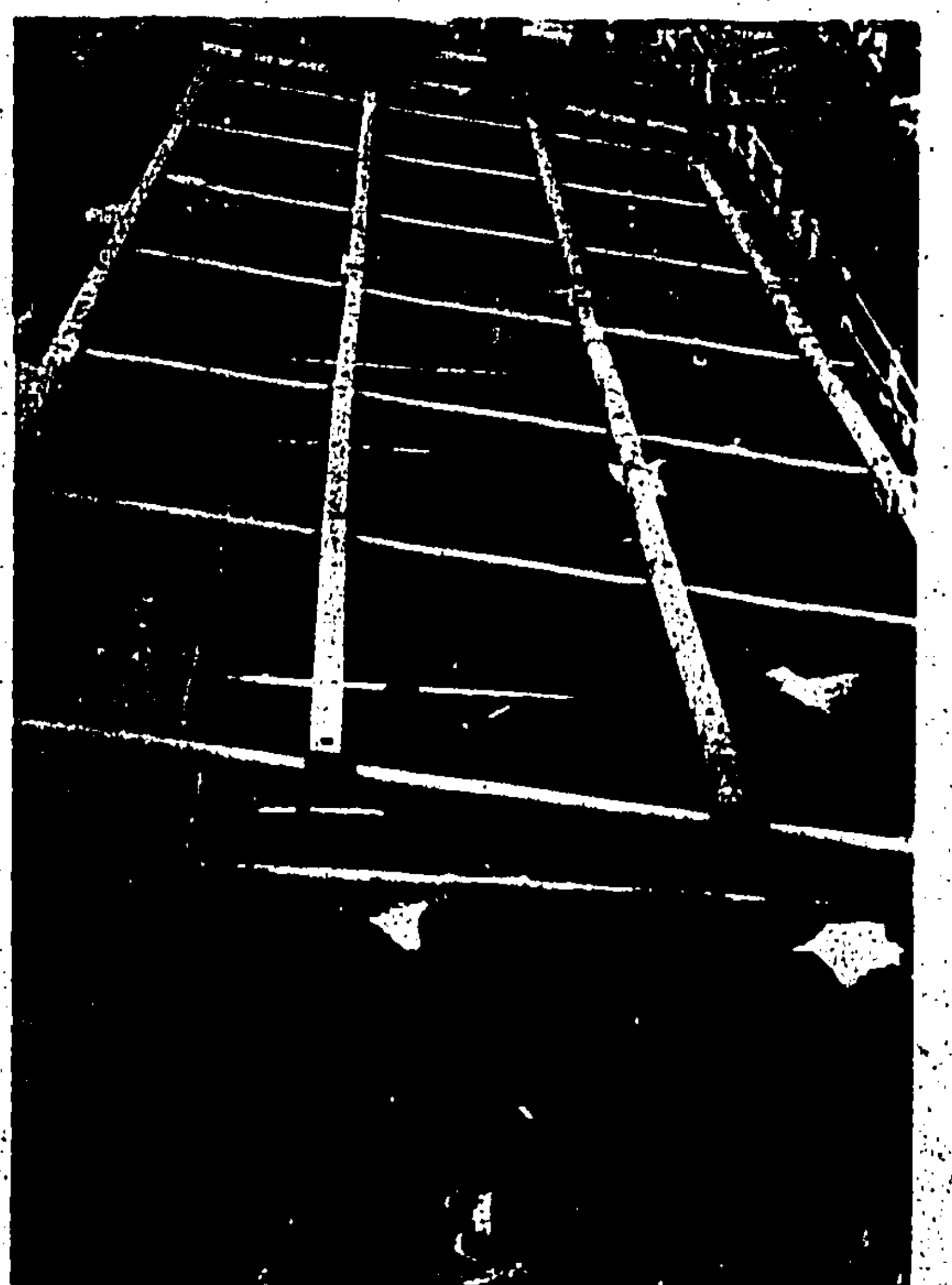
Ricci Hall—Catholic hostel of the Hong Kong University—won the M. K. Lo Cup in the recent Inter-Hostel Athletic Championship Competition. Here are the members of the team, who helped accumulate the necessary points to win the Cup. ("Ming Yuen" Studio)

Members of the Hong Kong University's badminton team which won the Colony Senior Division Championship by beating the Chinese YMCA by seven games to two. ("Ming Yuen" Studio)



The ss. Eastern discharged 67 cows and calves in Hong Kong last week. The animals, ordered by the Dairy Farm, came from Australia. ("China Mail" photo)

Among the animals which arrived here from Sydney by the ss. Eastern during the week for the Dairy Farm were Friesians, Ayrshires and Jerseys. ("China Mail" photo)



(Non-Chinese under 9 months)



BABY CONTEST

Try your judgment in choosing the best baby photo

Shown here are the photos of the winners of the Baby Competition. The judges, Dr. T. P. Wu and Mr. Francis Wu, have selected the babies whose portraits are shown here.

To enter this competition, all you need to do is send in a photo of your baby in the order in which you think the judges will select it.

Remember that the decisions are final and the same as these which had already been made by the judges from the original photographs submitted.

Many entries were studio portraits, but the winners were ordinary snapshots. However, the photos were selected entirely for their own merits.

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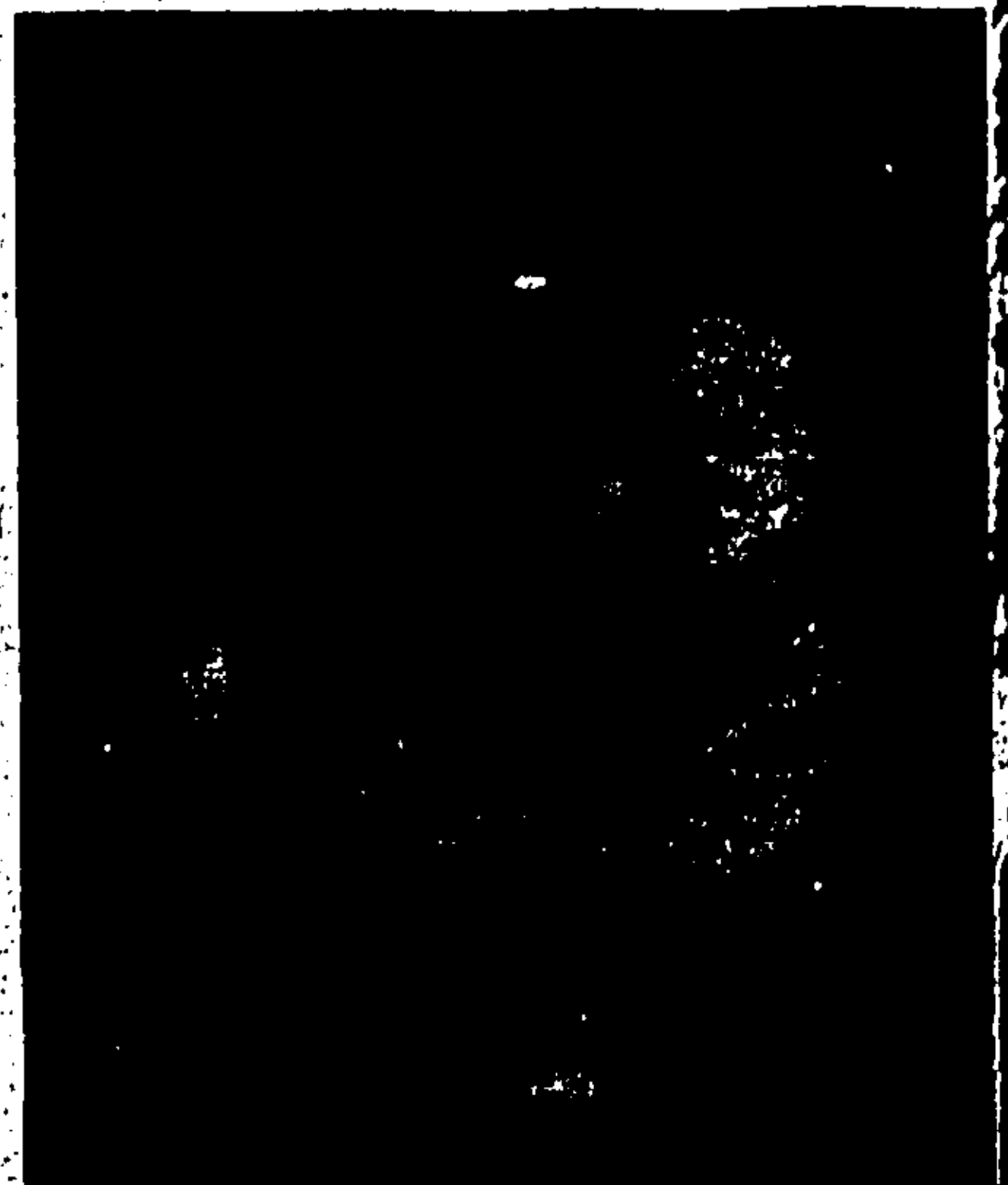
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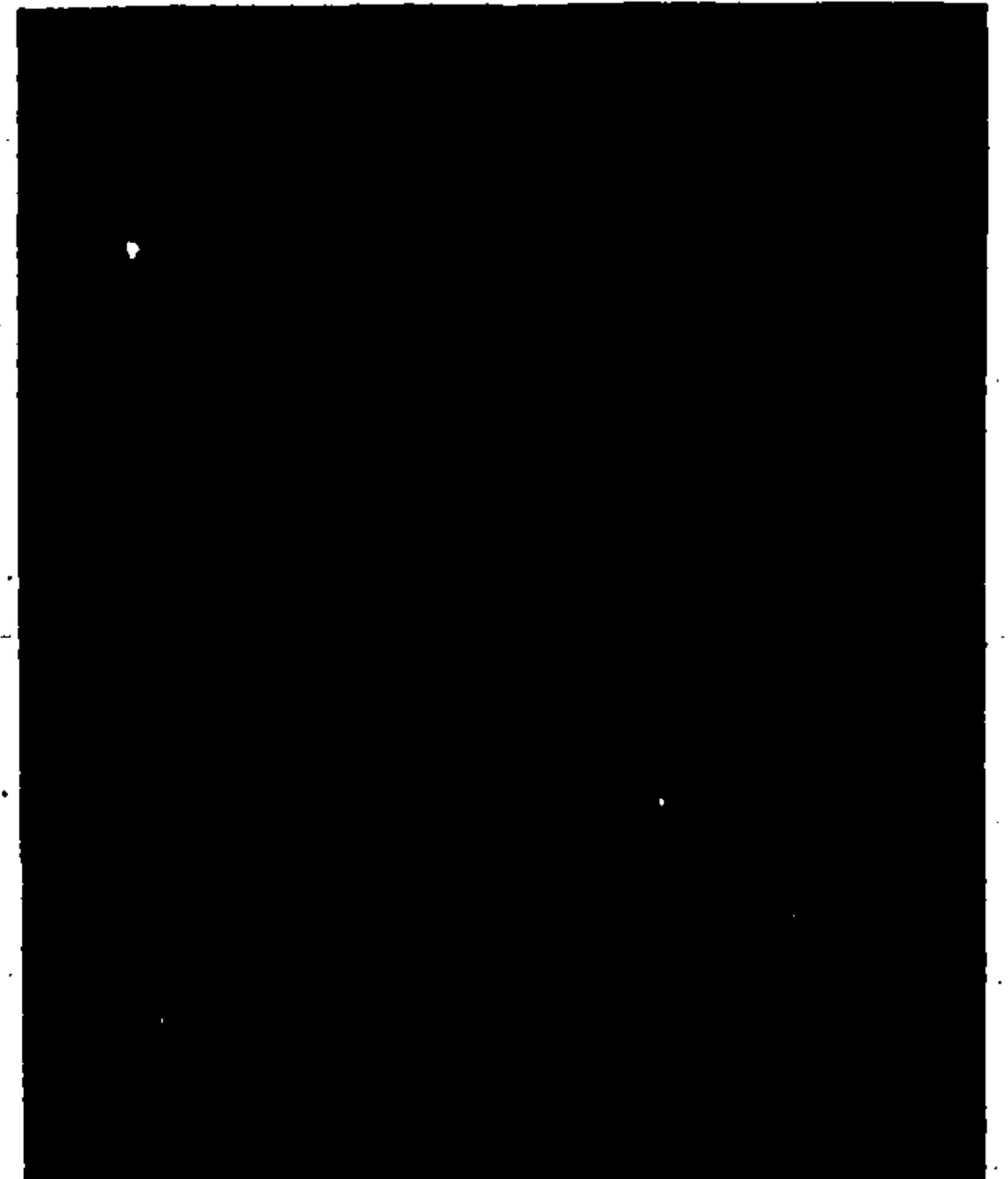
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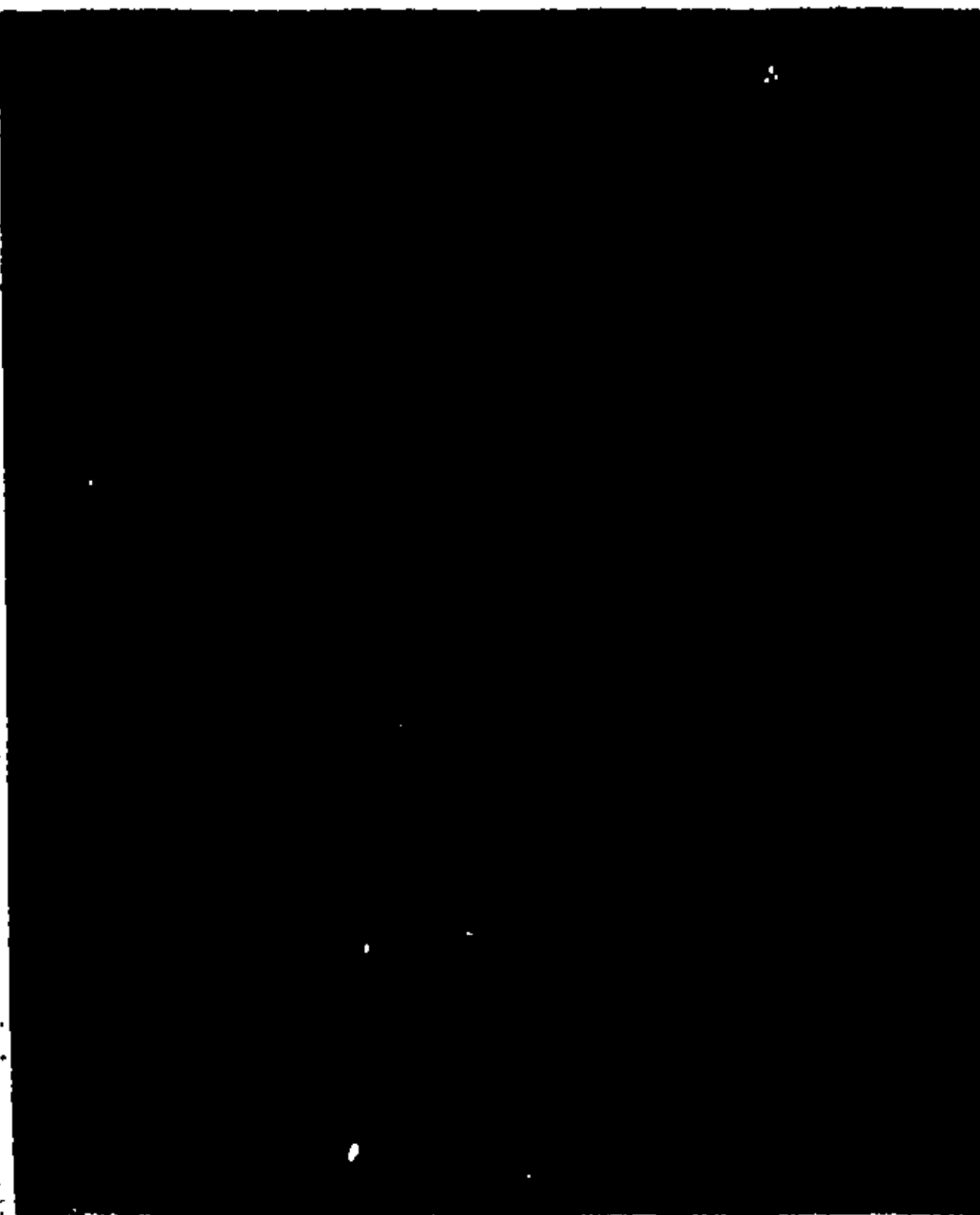
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The traditional Roman Catholic Feast of Our Lord Des-Passos was celebrated at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on March 13. Hong Kong's Catholic community was fully represented in the procession. The Reverend Fr. De Angelis preached the sermon.



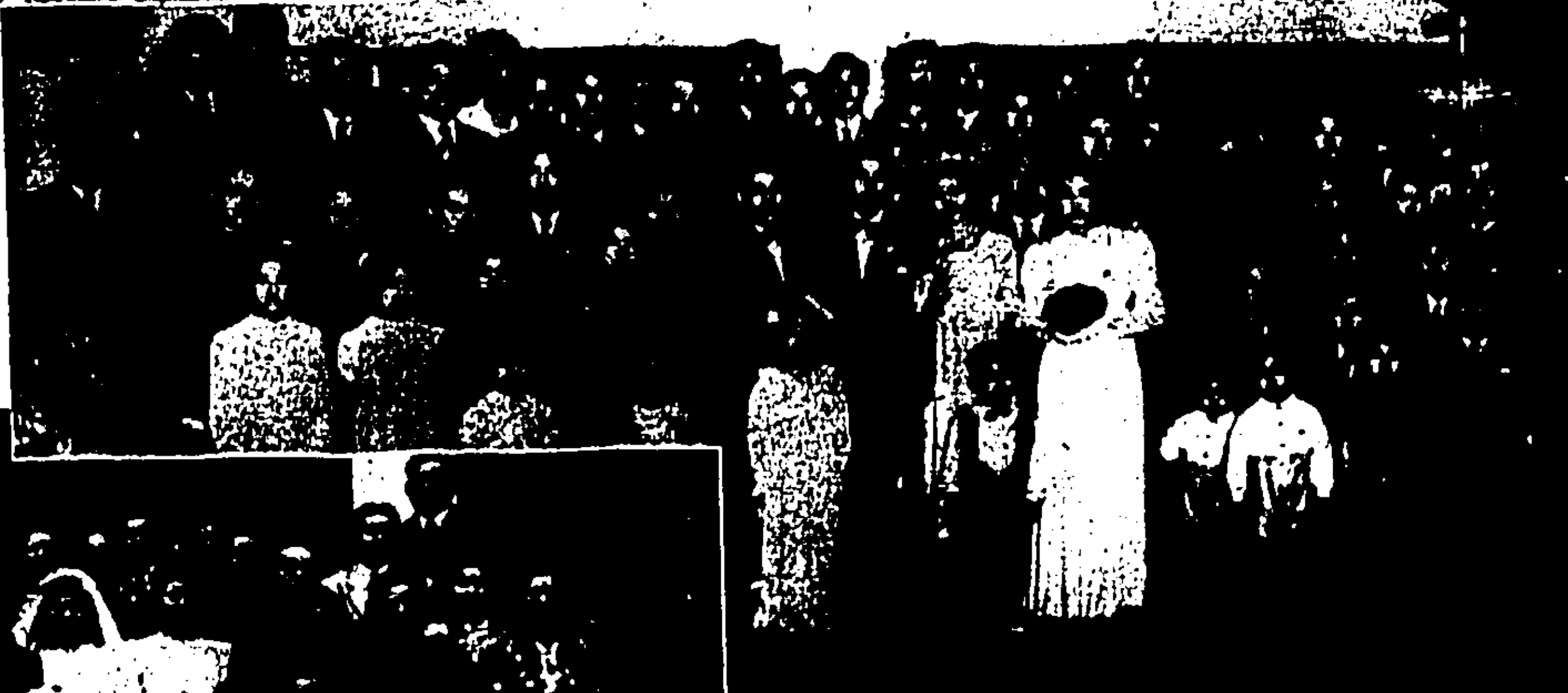
A colourful Chinese wedding took place when Miss M. K. Lee, daughter of Mr. K. Lee, Chairman of the Hong Kong Paper Association and Chief Cashier of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, became the bride of Mr. S. S. Chiu. ("Sun Ying Ming" Studio)



Miss Stella Au became the bride of Mr. Ng Shew-ming last week. The ceremony took place at the Hop Yai Church, Bonham Road. ("Ming Yuen" Studio)



Phyllis Madeleine, child of Mr. and Mrs. L. Cyril Kotewall, was christened at St. John's Cathedral on March 20. ("Ming Yuen" Studio)



Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chan and a group of relatives and friends. The photograph was taken following the wedding of the couple last week. ("Sun Ying Ming" Studio)



Miss Au Yeung May Yung was married to Mr. Tso Yuk-fan at St. Theresa's Church, Kowloon Tong, on March 19. This group photograph was taken in front of the church. ("Sun Ying Ming" Studio)

Australian Communist Given Bail In Trial For Sedition

Sydney, March 28.

Charging Australian Communists carried their leader, Lance Sharkey, shoulder-high through a crowd of 10,000 here today after a special Federal Court had released him on bail on charges of making seditious "Welcome the Russians" declarations.

The crowd around the court house was held in check by the largest force of police seen here for years.

Sharkey, General Secretary of the Australian Communist Party, had appeared on two summons under the Commonwealth Crimes Act, alleging that he uttered seditious words and that he published such words on or about March 4.

He pleaded not guilty. His counsel, Mr. F.W. Patterson, who is a Communist Member of the Queensland Parliament, said Sharkey elected to be tried upon an indictment before a jury. The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

The words which Sharkey was said to have used to a reporter of the Sydney "Daily Telegraph" were: "If Soviet forces, in pursuit of aggressors, enter Australia, the Australian workers would welcome them. The Australian workers would welcome the Soviet forces pursuing aggressors; the workers welcomed them throughout Europe when the Red troops liberated the people from the power of the Nazis."

"Notorious"

Mr. Patterson's request that the Crown provide more particulars of the intentions alleged against Sharkey was rejected by the magistrate, Counsel

for the prosecution said the charge was not against the Communist Party, but against Sharkey as a subject of the Crown.

"It is notorious that in parts of Western Europe one section of the community pays homage to the Soviet and regards the Soviet forces as the saviours of the world," prosecuting counsel said.

"Sharkey's meaning," counsel continued, "quite obviously was that if it became necessary for Soviet forces to come here it would be to oppose a combination of Western powers. In that case, the Communists would advise their supporters not to fight for Australia, but to be ready to die for the Soviet invaders."

John Dickson McGarry, a reporter of the Sydney "Daily Telegraph," testified that on March 4 he telephoned Mr. Sharkey for a comment on statements by the Communist leaders in other parts of the world.

"What was published was Mr. Sharkey's final and considered statement," McGarry said. Cross-examined, McGarry said Sharkey had insisted on publication of "the whole or nothing."

Trouble In Queensland

McGarry said he was not prepared to swear that the report published in his paper on March 4 was a full and complete report of Sharkey's statement, and he had not drawn his editor's attention to the fact that it was not a full report.

Sydney dock workers obeyed their union leaders' instructions to stop work for two hours today in protest against the prosecution, but calls for demonstration stoppages largely failed in other industries.

Sheet metal workers in Sydney staged lunch-hour meetings and short stoppages in 30 large workshops. In the Northern coalfields of New South Wales, only one mine was idle in response to the Communist appeal, though several others were at a standstill through "routine" disputes.

A crowd of 1,500 broke through a police cordon at a Communist open-air meeting at Rockhampton, Queensland, and pelleted the speaker with stink-bombs, rotten fruit and bags of flour.

The police ordered the Communists to move when the demonstration became violent, and the Communists retreated to their headquarters, chased by an angry crowd.—Reuter.

REDS FAIL IN U.S. POSSESSIONS

Washington, March 29. U.S. Secretary of the Interior Julius A. Krug said yesterday that Communism "has fallen completely flat" in American overseas possessions.

"There has been a little talk of a Communist group in Hawaii," he said in his appearance on a nationwide radio programme, "but no indication whatever of dangerous infiltration or any dent on the loyalty and stability of the people."—Associated Press.

BRITISH ZIONISTS ASK RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

London, March 28.

A resolution urging Britain to join other great powers in granting early de jure recognition to Israel was approved to-night at the closing session here of the three-day Golden Jubilee Conference of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Conference defeated an amendment calling on all British Zionists to rally to ensure the Jewish State's full independence. Another approved resolution pledged the whole-hearted and enthusiastic assistance of British Jewry to the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organisation in their manifold tasks concerning the rehabilitation of many hundreds of thousands of Jews and their resettlement in Israel.

The British Zionists also passed a resolution "giving thanks and praise to the God of Israel who, in His mercy, granted us the privilege of witnessing the redemption of the Jewish people after centuries of affliction and suffering."

A further resolution approved by the Conference expressed anxiety at the growth of anti-Semitism in Britain. The resolution urged the Government to take steps to suppress anti-Semitism and to ensure the full rights of citizenship for all Jews in the United Kingdom.

WOMEN DELEGATES WRANGLE

Belrut, March 28.

An East-West wrangle today split the United Nations Commission on the status of women, now in the second week of its session here, as it discussed the principle of equal pay for equal work.

Miss Dorothy Kenyon, the United States delegate, accused the Soviet Union of presenting inaccurate information in the Commission and offered to give the Soviet delegate, Mme. Elizaveta Popova, a lecture on elementary democracy.

Mme. Popova declined with thanks. The British delegate, Miss Mary Sunderland, a Labour Party leader, entered the fray saying: "Inaccuracies is the polite name I can think of for the information presented by the Soviet delegation."

Miss Kenyon, the tangle on her, had bobbing angrily in front of her face, said to Mme. Popova. "I dare you to present figures of the number of women in Soviet day camps and tell me whether they get equal pay for equal work."

The Soviet delegate, who was wearing the simple black frock she has worn throughout the conference, replied: "Don't get excited."

Miss Kenyon wanted to throw out a Soviet resolution asking for the legal introduction in all countries of equal pay for equal work. She proposed that the right should be granted in principle.—Reuter.

U.S. Rejects Protest

Washington, March 28.

The United States today rejected a Russian protest against the arrest of Valentin Gubitchev, Russian United Nations employee, for alleged espionage.

A State Department spokesman said that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Alexander Panyushkin, had been informed that the United States does not regard M. Gubitchev as having diplomatic immunity.

The Soviet Ambassador had said that, although Gubitchev was working on the United Nations staff, he had diplomatic immunity because he entered the United States as an employee of the Soviet Government.

Gubitchev was arrested some weeks ago with an American woman employee of the Department of Justice after he had allegedly received secret information from her.—Reuter.

JAPAN PATENTS

Washington, March 29.

The Far Eastern Commission today announced, in a broad policy decision, the establishment of an effective patent system in Japan which assures full publication of all patents in Japan and provides for the restoration of Allied-owned patent rights lost during the war.

The Commission decision in effect means that the Japanese Patent Office will return to normality.—United Press.

Giant Flying Boat Ready Next Year

London, March 28.

Britain's biggest flying boat, the Saunders Roe "Princess," will probably be launched in December, 1950, and will take off on her first flight from Cowes, Isle of Wight, in February, 1951.

Three of these giant machines, which weigh 140 tons each and will carry 100 passengers across the Atlantic at a cruising speed above 350 miles an hour, are being built at the Saunders Roe Works at Cowes.

At a lunch in London today, it was announced that the other two, which are also in an advanced stage of construction, will fly during 1951. Another four, which have been ordered, will be ready for delivery between 1952 and 1953.

These machines were ordered by the Ministry of Supply and were due for delivery to the British South American Airways. Since the merger between the BSA and the British Overseas Airways Corporation announced recently, it is expected that the flying boats will be accepted by the BOAC.

The "Princess" has 10 Bristol "Proteus" turbo-propeller engines, each developing 3,500-horsepower, for take-off and has a still-air range of 5,500 miles.

It is hoped that the first Princess will be due for removal from her stocks in the giant hanger at Cowes in June or July this year, and that some of the wing components will be in an advanced state by that date.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVS STILL BACK UP TITO, BRITISH MP SAYS

London, March 28.

The Cominform campaign against Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia has completely failed to shake the great mass of the Yugoslavs, Mr. Francis Noel Baker, Labour Member of Parliament, said in London today.

Mr. Noel Baker returned to London last night from Belgrade, where he had talks with leading Yugoslav Communists and competent non-Yugoslav observers.

In an "exclusive" interview with Reuter, he discounted rumours of the impending invasion of Yugoslavia from neighbouring Cominform countries.

He said Russia and the Cominform will try every other method before they attempt an open invasion. He added that the Yugoslav leaders on their side appear quite confident about the future.

Yugoslav propaganda in the past few days made a point of ridiculous press reports about planned incursions into Yugoslavia.

One Yugoslav journal last week was filled with cartoons on the subject. Mr. Noel Baker said the Yugoslav leaders believe there is evidence of increased Bulgarian para-military activity directed against Yugoslavia and Macedonia rather than against Greece.

The Bulgarian Government is expected to attempt to infiltrate agents into Yugoslav Macedonia and to attempt to start guerrilla warfare there.

The Yugoslav leaders are confident that these efforts will fail. Yugoslav Macedonia achieved autonomy under Marshal Tito, they said, and the population knows that the Macedonians of Bulgaria have been granted no sort of self-rule.

Tito Still A Communist

They argue that Bulgaria hence has little attraction for the Yugoslav Macedonians. No sign of guerrilla operations or revived Chetnik (anti-Tito) activity is evident in any part of Yugoslavia at present, Mr. Noel Baker said.

He added that he could see little reason why Marshal Tito should not survive indefinitely. The economic situation in Yugo-

slavia, despite contrary press reports, seems to have improved since last autumn.

The Cominform's partial economic blockade may cause minor hitches in the Yugoslav five-year plan, but is unlikely to wreck it as a whole. Yugoslavia may well seek closer economic relations with the West, and negotiations are on foot with both British and unofficial United States representatives.

Politically, however, Marshal Tito is unlikely to swerve towards the West. Even in isolation from Russia and the Cominform, Marshal Tito remains a Communist, Mr. Noel Baker said.—Reuter.

French Pork For Britain

London, March 28.

Britain is arranging to buy 2,500 tons of frozen pork from France, Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, told the House of Commons today.

Mr. Leonard Gammans, Opposition Conservative Member, had asked for comment on the statement by the French Finance Minister last week that Britain can have almost unlimited supplies of pork at 1/6d. a pound if she cares to take it.

Dr. Summerskill declined to give an assurance that the meat ration would be maintained at not less than the present level during the coming four months.

"I can never properly speculate on the future level of the meat ration. That must depend on the rate of home consumption and the availability of imported supplies," she added.—Reuter.

Nehru Won't Commit Himself

New Delhi, March 23.

The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, said in Parliament today that he could give no assurances beforehand of India's future relationship with the British Commonwealth.

A Congress Party member had asked for an assurance that India would not associate with the Commonwealth until it is radically altered on the basis of equal equality, fullest liberty and democracy.

The Prime Minister said there had been no formal change in the title "British Commonwealth," and a change in nomenclature was not discussed at the Commonwealth Ministers' Conference in London last year.—Reuter.

U.S. Far East Air Changes

Washington, March 29.

The only group of long-range U.S. reconnaissance planes in the Far East will be brought back to the United States in the near future, the Air Force announced yesterday.

No reason was given for the transfer of the Fifth Reconnaissance Group. It was one of several groups of units announced.

Two squadrons of the group—the 48th and 49th—now based at Clark Field, the Philippines, will come to Topeka base, Kansas, to join the 85th group there. The 85th Group Headquarters and the 3d Squadron will transfer from Okinawa to Mountain Home base, Idaho.—Associated Press.

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PLAN TO SAVE PRICE OF RUBBER

Singapore, March 28.

A plan to save the price of rubber was drawn up today by the Malayan Rubber Advisory Committee.

In a memorandum prepared for the Rubber Study Group in London, the Committee suggests that other countries could help stop a further fall in rubber prices by making larger purchases for their stockpiles, and by the U.S. allowing free competition between synthetic and natural rubber.

Members of the Committee foresee a considerably lower price for rubber at some future time but believe that increased consumption and higher yields per acre will afford an adequate livelihood for millions of shareholders and wage earners in the East.

The memorandum adds: "The U.S. is following a generous and enlightened policy by helping other countries to rehabilitate themselves and become more prosperous."

"We hope she will not continue to follow exactly the opposite policy by depriving the price of natural rubber, which is the source of livelihood for millions of shareholders and wage earners in the East," Associated Press.

New Secretary On American Defence

Washington, March 28.

Mr. Louis Johnson was today sworn in as the United States Defence Secretary in succession to Mr. James Forrestal, who resigned this month.

At the ceremony, Mr. Johnson outlined his aims. He said he would make America secure by defending its own national interest and the principles of world democracy.

"Our defence policy will consist in maintaining the maximum of strength, within the limit of our economy and our democracy, to back up that foreign policy and make America secure by discouraging any potential aggression," he said.

"To achieve that goal, we shall attain the necessary measure of strength in all the three branches of national defence. They will be united as one interest of the nation. The American people expect it and they shall have it."

Mr. Johnson continued: "The size of the defence job we have is not of our choosing. It has been thrust upon us by the tension of the world today."

Referring to the commitment of the United States to a policy of defending its own national interest and the principles of world democracy, Mr. Johnson said: "This is the President's policy, to which both parties of the Congress have agreed and which the American people endorse."

"With God's help and guidance, we are determined that American youth will not again have to take part in the tragedy of a war. We want peace, if we can humbly get it with honour and freedom. But if there is aggression, we are calmly confident that we can stop it."

"In this faith I enter on this high office in the service of the nation."—Reuter.

NO REFERENDUM FOR SCOTLAND

London, March 28.

The Government today turned down a suggestion by Sir William Darling, Conservative Member for Edinburgh, in the House of Commons that it should consider holding a referendum in Scotland on the desirability of some form of self-government for Scotland.—Reuter.

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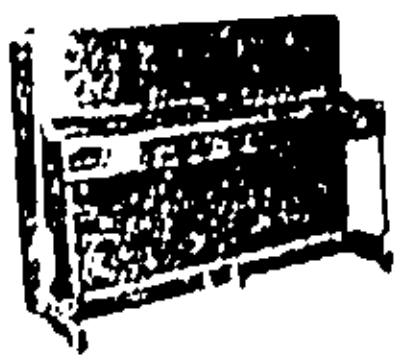
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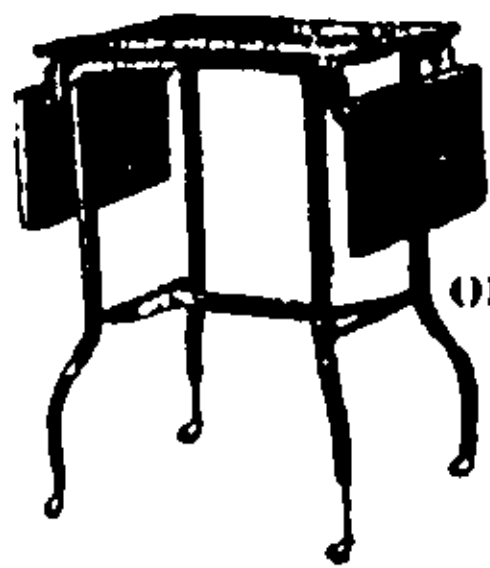
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Editorial

The Simple Simon

Everyone who has been
through the nursery must know
who Simple Simon was and what
he did when he met the pie-man.
But that has nothing whatever
to do with our story today.
Here, we're talking about Simple
Simon, the girl who has little
cause to fear the wolves, let
alone the pie-men, because of the
natural, simple face she wears
completely without the contribu-
tion of make-up to bring about
the eye deceiving oddities.

But in today's world of glam-
our accentuated, she is hard to
find. Simple Simon is either
usually buried away in some in-
tellectual institute—you know,
the career type—or tucked away
in some nursery.

There are however, a number
of them about. And if you are
not the ambitious-for-beauty
type, you will find the tracking
difficult, but worth your while.
Nature has an uncanny way of
compensating for every defect,
even for lack of good looks.

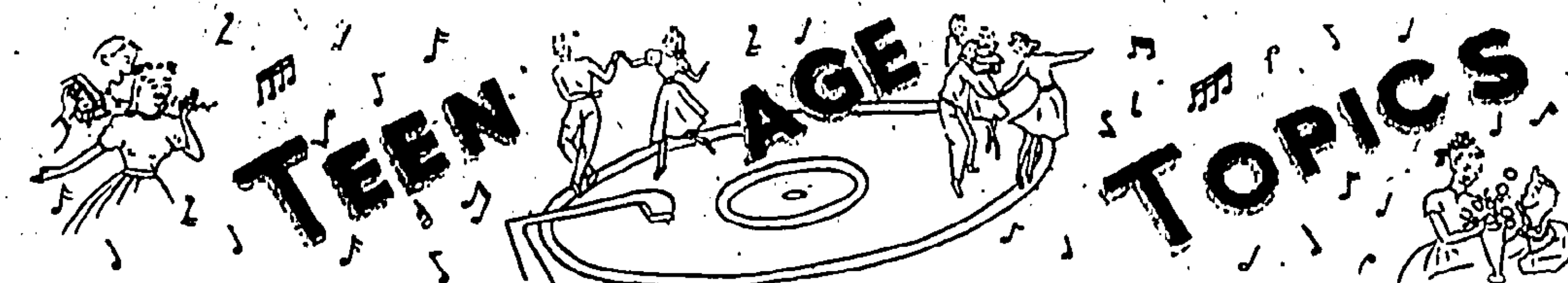
The beautiful face has her line
effortlessly well-balanced—the pos-
sible never sees the hook anyway.
Simple Simon however, starts
off straight away on a dis-
advantage. But she is almost al-
ways possessed of some endow-
ed qualities which she works out
into an inestimable asset, if you
could bother to find out.

She always has conversation
and usually about herself and
the things which you think you're
good at. She may be the type
who depends almost entirely
upon you to lead her about. But
that is a lot better than being
dragged about the room by some
uninhibited lass whose pretty
face gets all the eyes, while you
get all the "he-haws" by your
awkward performance.

Perhaps the finest quality
about Simple Simon is her
perfect human and sincere
consideration of you for what
you are; and not for a moment
making you feel on sufferance.
And strange to say, Simple
Simon always turns out to be
prettier than you first thought.
For haven't you heard stories of
felines meowing, "The ugly girls
have all the luck!"?

Prize Winners

Winners of last week's com-
petition are: Katherine Boyes, 42
Boundary Street, ground floor,
Kowloon (48); Daniel da Luz, 21
Austin Avenue, ground floor,
Kowloon (44).
The prizes will be in the mail
today.



Personality

Shasam Lam

This week's teen-ager comes
from the local Chinese commu-
nity. He is Shasam Lam, 18-year-
old, whose birthday falls on Sep-
tember 21.

Shasam is at present studying
at Wah Yan College and is in
Class 3. His favourite subjects
in class are mathematics, draw-
ing, history, literature, and essay.

One of his most keen pas-
simes is writing short essays
about different things. "But these
compositions by me are never
any good," he added modestly.
Shasam became interested in
Auntie Vee's section of the "Sun-
day Herald."

"I think Auntie Vee is a very
fine person and the things that
she writes are always so inter-
esting," said Shasam.

Shasam is not very sure what



SHASAM LAM

he would like to become when
he grows up. He thinks much
about writing and hopes to be an
author some day.

Photography is another of
Shasam's hobbies which include
singing, drawing cartoons and, of
course, reading. His books are
mostly on adventures and mys-
teries, but like every teen-ager,
Shasam also likes the comics.

What About A Hobby?

There is a difference between a fad and a hobby.
You are likely to go overboard for a fad, but
when the swimming gets crowded you like to be
the first to climb back.

On the other hand, you may be one of the teen crowd
who believes that hobbies are for the very old
—the professor with the butterfly net—or for
the very young—the small fry exchanging
playing cards.

Well, a hobby can be fasci-
nating for you, too, provided it
is one that holds your interest.

You may have noticed some of
your own friends with their
respective pastimes and wished
silently to yourself that you had
the money to do the same, or the
time or the patience.

Whether your choice of a hobby
is sailing or stamps, old records
or a new radio set, you will find
that a hobby pays off both in
amusement and in new ideas.

There are two or three guiding
posts along hobby row that you
ought to observe before you de-
cide to ride your hobby.

Your hobby must be chosen
because you yourself are interest-
ed and not because it happens to
be what your best friend likes or
what your favourite film star is
reported as endorsing.

Guiding post number one states
that you must try to be original
in your selection of a hobby.
At one time or another you
must all have learned music or
some other art and craft such as
painting, or attended foreign
language classes. That stored up
knowledge could be brought down
from the attic and turned into a
hobby. That's guide post number
two.

Obviously any activity which
takes up much of your spare
time should take you for afield.
If your hobby remains a static
thing, then it is not very much of
a hobby and you had best begin

seeking out a new one. Ask any
person who is happy with his
hobby and he will tell you that
he is always finding out new and
different things or meeting in-
teresting people. Guide post
number three says, Grow With
Your Hobby.

Just a word for family hobbies.
They are fun, too. A family of
seven—five boys and their parents
—have their own orchestra. An-
other family all help towards
making their own home movie.
The next time you say, "I
haven't a thing to do," start
thinking about getting a hobby.

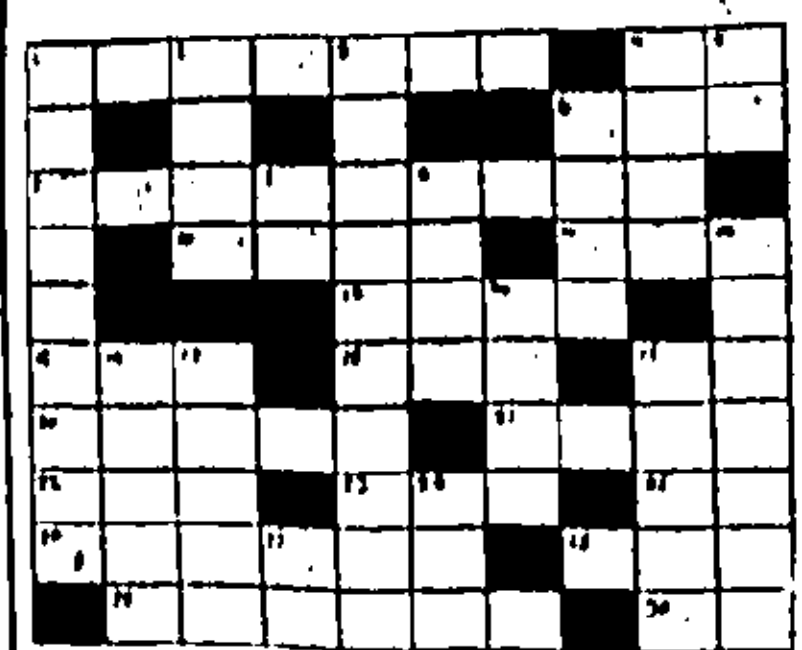


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"Yes, but she only got D in
algebra!"

Competition

Below is this week's crossword
puzzle prize competition.



ACROSS

1. First name of Princess Elizabeth's child
4. Foreign officer (abbrevia-
tion)
6. An office.
8. A girl's name.
10. A garden tool.
11. Past tense of eat.
13. A gentlewoman.
18. Lyric poem of exalted
style and tone.
19. Physical training (abbrev).
20. Form of expression peculiar
to a language.
21. To assert.
22. Allow.
23. Implement for rowing.
25. Army Education.
26. First season of the year.
28. Historical period.
29. Opposite of tough.
30. Lieutenant.

DOWN

1. "—for Two"
2. Love
3. "Bonny Banks of —"
4. Authorisation.
5. A preposition.
6. Tarry
8. News Association
9. Large end of nail
12. To beg
14. Beloved
16. Thoroughly proficient
17. Salt petre
19. A gem
24. To grow old.
27. A preposition.

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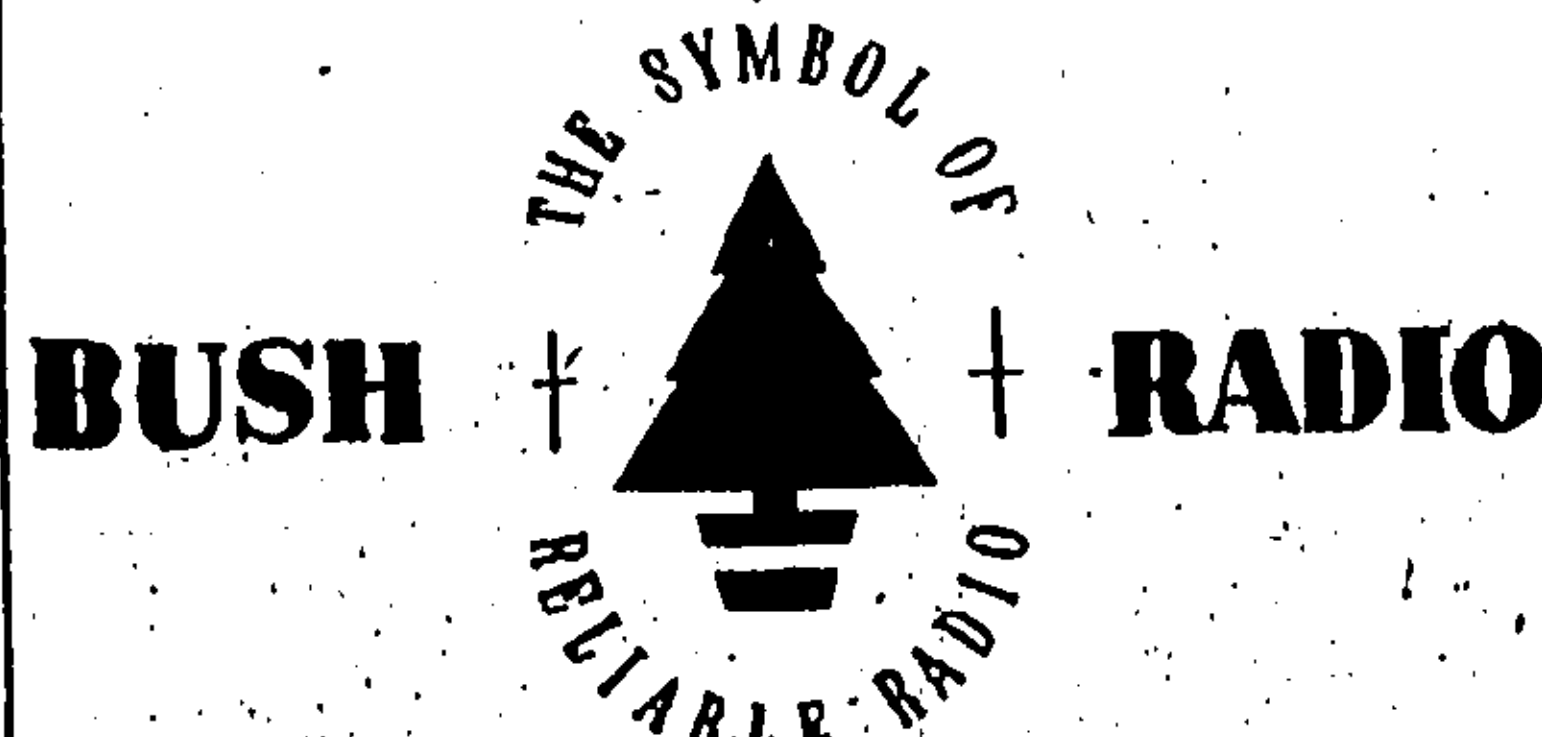
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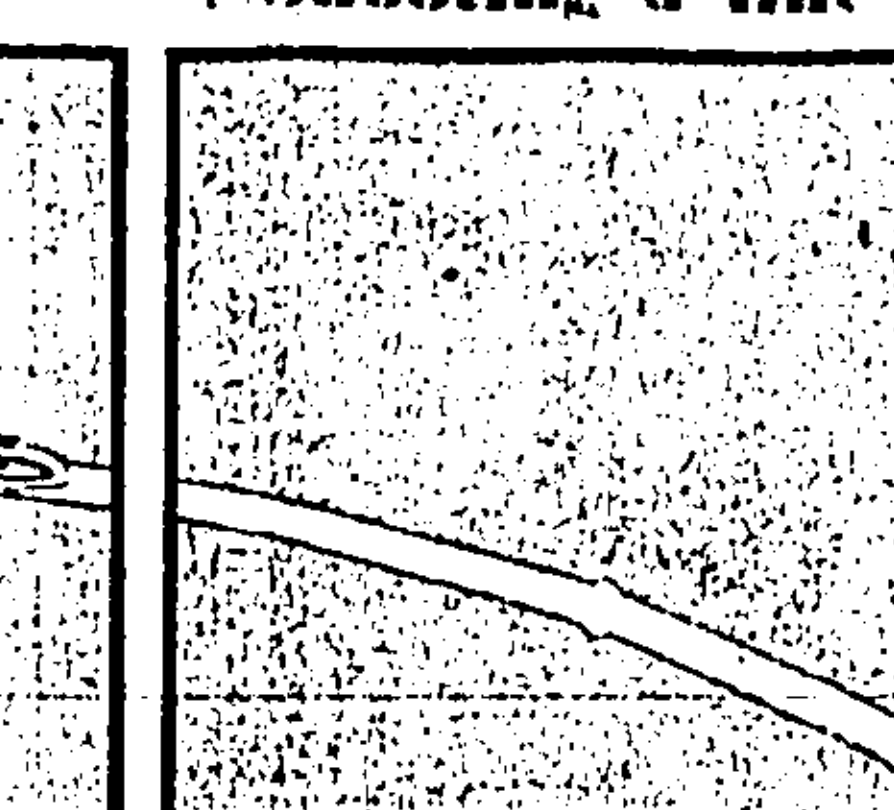
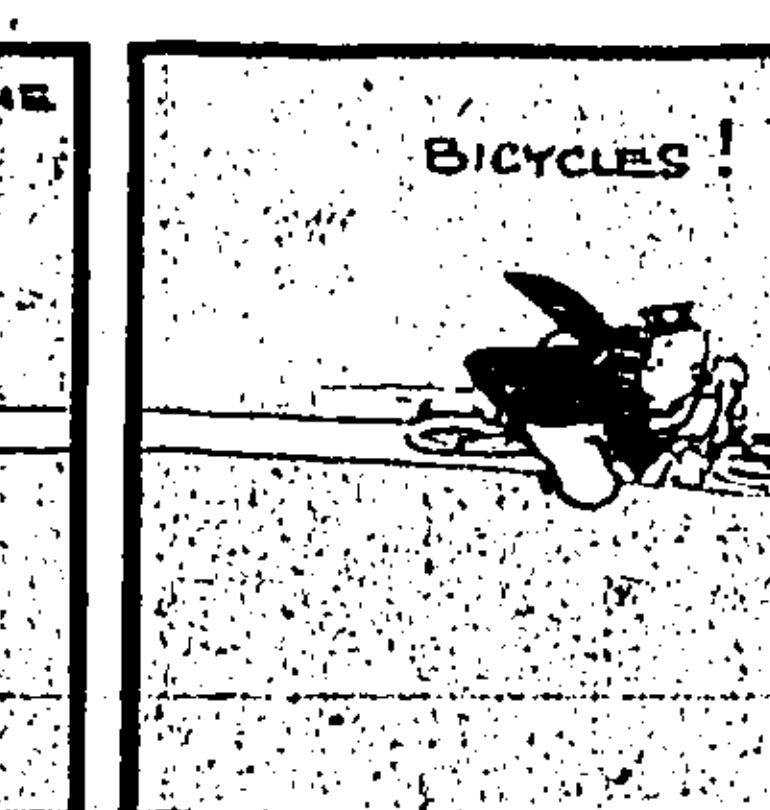
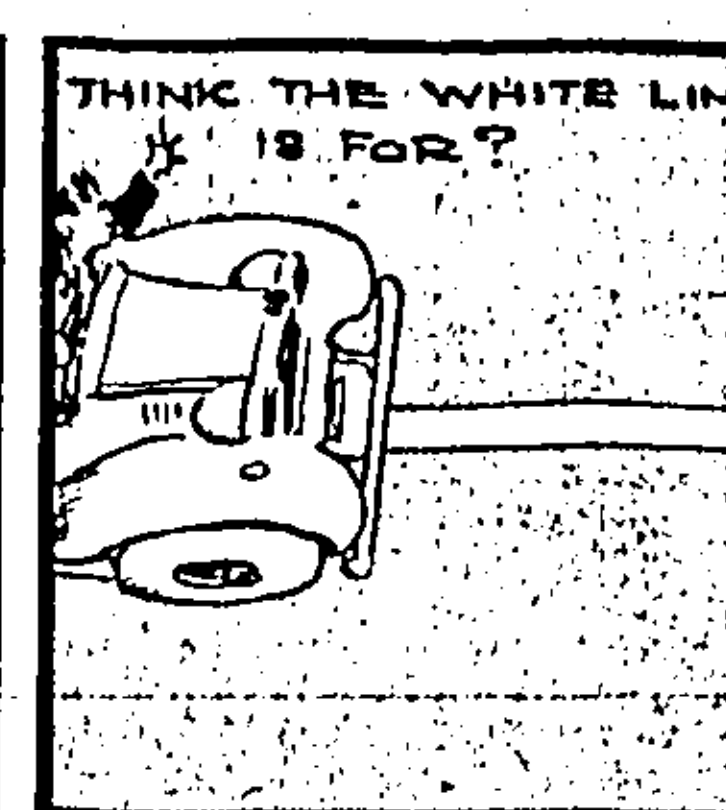
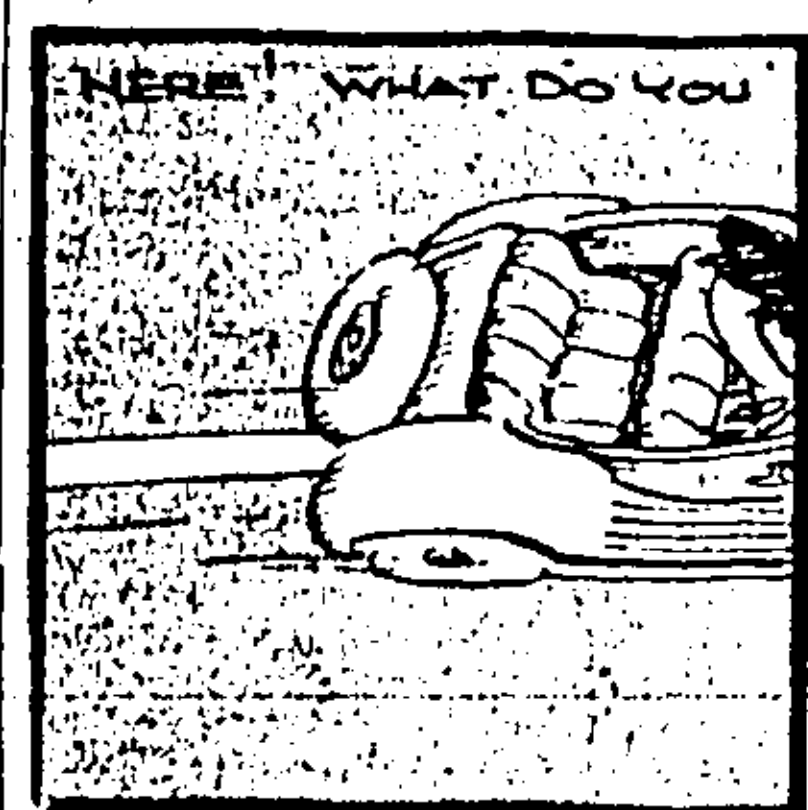
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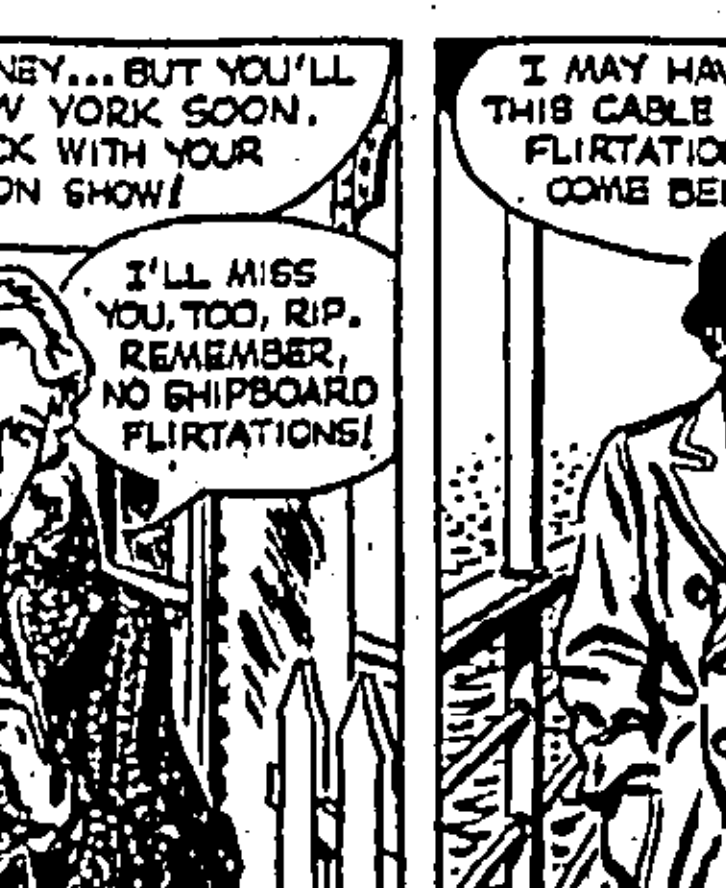
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KEY PLANNERS AGREE TO POOL INVESTMENTS

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Heated Debate On Britain

Washington, March 28. Britain's recovery was the subject of heated argument in the House of Representatives Rules Committee today.

The Democratic Committee chairman, Mr. Adolph Sabath, said he can not understand why the United States is continuing to pour dollars into Britain even though her production is now higher than before the war and exports are in competition with U.S. goods.

His question was echoed by Mr. Clarence Brown, who added that he had heard rumors that actually Britain expects the United States to furnish her with from \$1,000,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000 per year for the next eight years.

Foreign Committee members denied knowledge of any such plans and defended the British position in the ECA. One member pointed out that, although production is up, the standard of living in Britain is still far below pre-war level because of wartime destruction and population increases. He added that the dollar shortage is still acute.—United Press.

The key planners of Western Europe today agreed that steel, oil, nitrogenous fertilizers and possibly electricity should be the first industries selected for an attempted co-ordination of investments by Marshall Plan nations to save dollars.

The planners are members of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, and they ended a three-day session here today.

The further suggestion that it should be possible, when practical methods have been evolved, to attempt a co-ordination of investments in other industries at a later stage, and particularly in these new industries that will result in a saving of dollars, was approved.

The suggestion was submitted by the OEEC Executive Committee following the consideration of an eight-point programme for Western European economic recovery, drafted by Sir Stafford Cripps, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, and seven other European Cabinet Ministers.

The Council thought that electricity might be included in the first list.

Britain and the 15 other participating countries and three Allied Zones of Germany will be asked to answer detailed questions on the steps proposed to achieve or maintain financial and monetary stability during 1949 by May 1.

Export Drive

Each country will be asked to show how it proposes to cover public and private domestic investment by:

- 1.—Private savings.
 - 2.—Budget surpluses; excess of revenue (other than from loans) over expenditure (other than on investment and debt redemption.)
 - 3.—Import surpluses of goods and services, taking into account the need to reduce these as rapidly as possible.
- Searching questions will also be asked on special steps being taken to intensify the export drive, particularly in the dollar area, measures to increase productivity, to reduce or eliminate trade barriers, fiscal measures and the allocation of raw materials.

Trade Expansion

The Council agreed on: A general expansion of intra-European trade, consistent with the need to reduce the dollar deficit.

The maximum practicable purchase of commodities now obtained from dollar sources; and

Such adjustments of intra-European trade as would represent definite progress towards a pattern of trade in 1952-53, liquidating surpluses and deficits down to manageable proportions.

The OEEC Council, the Marshall Plan's European governing body, will meet in Paris about April 11 for elections. No change in the chairmanship of the Organisation, now held by the Belgian Premier, M. Paul Henri Spaak, is expected at this stage.—Reuter.

Zaibatsu Stocks Well Scattered

Tokyo, March 28.

More than one-third of the stocks and bonds formerly owned by the giant "Zaibatsu" combines, which formerly financially controlled Japan, have been scattered far and wide through sales to four groups.

A total of 100,441,138 shares have changed hands, involving about \$17,000,000 in the deconcentration process ordered by General MacArthur's Headquarters.

In this operation alone SCAP decentralised 3,380 companies, which before the war were tightly controlled by Japan's dozen or so financially powerful "Zaibatsu" family combines. Less than one-half of the amounts was sold through public auction to the highest bidders.

Other channels of disposal included newly-formed former employees of "Zaibatsu" companies and sales at a fixed price to the public.

Mr. Edward C. Welsh, chief of General MacArthur's anti-trust and cartels division, points out that the sales have given employees part ownership in many major companies all over Japan.

He added that as stockholders they now have added responsibility of assisting in the economic stabilisation programme. The operation started in July, 1947, is still continuing. Officials said no sales have been made or are expected to be made to labour unions.—United Press.

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Precautions On Frontier

Bhilong, March 28.

An official spokesman of the Assam Government said here today that adequate precautionary measures have been taken on the whole India-Burma frontier in view of the situation in Burma.

The spokesman told Reuters that an interrogation post has been established at the Bangee Pass at the extreme end of the frontier, where people entering India from Burma are being thoroughly examined. Some of the soldiers have got into Manipur State and the Lushai Hills from Burma, the spokesman said, but adequate measures have been taken to deal with this.

He stated that the fighting in Burma is still 150 miles beyond India's frontiers.—Reuter.

Canada Ready For Emergency

Ottawa, March 28.

Canada has two-thirds of the equipment she would need for one year of war now stored or issued to reserve and active service units, the Defence Minister, Mr. Brooke Claxton, told a press conference today.

Mr. Claxton said an inventory of all the equipment Canada would need in case of an emergency had been prepared. This totals 171,000,000 items and of these all but 60,000,000 are now held by the services, either in store or issued to active and reserve units.

A Canadian commercial corporation is consulting with the Industrial Defence Board and other agencies to make preparations for obtaining the rest of this equipment should it be needed.

The regular Canadian armed services at the end of February were larger than ever before in time of peace.

It is planned to lay down this year three anti-submarine vessels of a new high-speed type not yet in production anywhere else.

Work is progressing on the new X-100 jet night fighter. The machine, the first jet plane built in Canada, may be tested this year.—United Press.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

AMERICAN BUSINESS "BATTLE OF BRANDS"

New York, March 29.

A business battle is raging today. It has been called the most revolutionary upset in all merchandising history. It is "the battle of the brands" between giant groups of manufacturers and retailers. Each want the public to buy its products.

The winner has already been named. The winner is the average man in the street who pays his money and takes his choice.

The average man is the winner because nearly everyone offering merchandise today is doing it with one eye on quality and style and the other eye on price and value—higher quality, better style, lower price, greater value.

The fight goes back a long way for consumer preference between brand-names controlled by manufacturers (often called "national brands") and brand-names controlled by retailers (often called "private brands").

World War II shortages interrupted it, but it also brought about a dramatic change that has been intensified today by the post-war readjustment to normal marketing.

During the war consumers could not get many of the familiar brands they were accustomed to buy before the war. So they took something else. Maybe they liked it and continued to use it. Or perhaps they changed back to their old brand when the war was over and they could get it.

There arose a situation called "brand loyalty". The war forced many people to switch their loyalty to a brand. Others switched because of convincing national and local advertising, or store display advertising, or the tendency of merchants to narrow down the number of brands of any particular item to the strongest sellers. Brand loyalty is highly stressed today.

Known Products
Products of inferior quality, high price, poor style, or of doubtful value, are falling by the wayside rapidly in consumer preference.

Manufacturers and retailers in competing against each other never lose sight of the fact they are also in intensive competition with their own group. Neither side is concerned with unknown, off-brand or unbranded products or with any method of selling that does anything but give the customer the highest value.

Manufacturers of national brands are promoting products known for generations. Scores of them like Kodak and Coca Cola are household words around the world. Mail order houses like Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward have private brands that can meet the most intensive competition without fear. Big chain organizations market private brands on a national scale.

There is another and rapidly growing business in private brands controlled by stores affiliated through ownership management or through mutual purchasing agents.

One of the outstanding organizations in that field is Kirby, Block and Company, New York, which has developed a line of clothing and household goods under the name of Kirby. The firm has made products available with an exclusive brand name since the early 1930s and it is expanding in the post-war field. Items like men's shirts, neckties, cooking utensils—about 40 classifications altogether—are under the general label of "Kirby" through one store in a city.

They, and other buying offices in the same field, give the retailer complete control over an item. The merchant can sell it at any price to satisfy the buying demands of his customers, and he can launch heavily advertised sales to meet competition.

Big Questions
Brand Names Foundation in New York spearheads the drive to tell the public of the quality and dependability of brand-name products. Its members are manufacturers, newspapers, magazines, radio and advertising agencies who this year contributed \$8300,000 for the campaign.

Export Target Uncertainty

London, March 28.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, at his last press conference before Budget Day, admitted today that the British motor car industry might not reach the export target set for this year—especially if America's Spring is not fine.

"The Western Hemisphere markets brighten up seasonally when the weather is warm and people want to buy cars," he said. "If they do so this year, we should be able to make our target—but if they keep at their present low level we shall find considerable difficulty."—Reuter.

Mail order houses and chain stores who control the most widely known private brands are not members.

The five-year-old foundation emphasizes long-range education through schools, clubs, books, charts, speeches and advertising. It does not promote individual products.

Two big questions in the brand war remain to be answered. They concern today's rapidly changing price picture and the huge potential excess in manufacturing capacity.

Private brands have more freedom in setting price competition than many national brands whose prices are fixed under State Fair Trade laws. Will private brands with greater flexibility move in quickly and take over a larger segment of the mass market with lower pricing policies?

Many manufacturers during and after the war built up huge production capacity. When and if their market contracts, will they put the excess capacity to work producing special products carrying private brand names?—Associated Press.

SOUTH AFRICA WANTS LOAN

Capetown, March 28.

The South African Finance Minister, Dr. N. C. Havenga, told Parliament today that if a line of credit or loan can be obtained from the United States at reasonable terms, it would enable the Union to apply less drastic measures concerning trade with America.

Without such a loan, it might be necessary to apply even more drastic measures. A loan of this kind would be in the interests of both countries, Dr. Havenga added.

The South African Government is exploring all possibilities. He said, South Africa's trouble in raising an American loan is that her economic position is too good.—Reuter.

LONDON STOCKS

London, March 29.

Prices were generally firm on the stock exchange. Tobacco and India issues received most attention while leading industrial shares were lightly supported.

Gold-edged shares closed fractionally higher and many gains were registered in the South African Mining group. Oils were in exception, finishing lower.

Financial Times Index: 112.0.—Associated Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 29.

The stock market moved in a sluggish circle yesterday. Small early gains were trimmed in late trading and the list closed practically unchanged.

Transfers totaled 700,000 shares. Among fractional gainers were Western Union, Union Pacific, Plymouth Oil, Loews, Paramount Pictures, Greyhound.

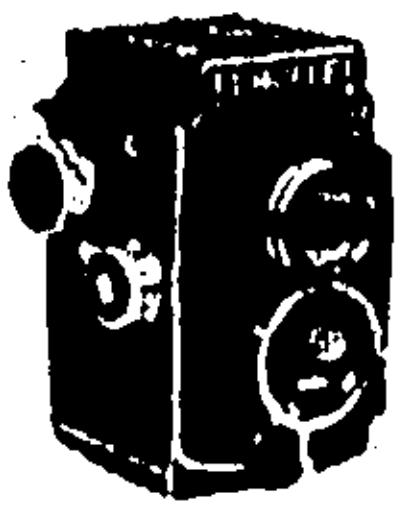
Stumblers included Santa Fe, Nickel Plate, Air Reduction, Allied Chemical, Glenn Martin.

How Jones Averages:

Index	Value
Stocks	63.21
20 Industrials	176.99
10 Rails	48.81
10 Utilities	35.40

CLOSING QUOTATIONS:

Alaska Petroleum	2 1/2
Alaska Zinc	30 1/2
American Can	9 1/2
American Smelting	48 1/2
American Telephone	14 1/2
American Tobacco	67 1/2
American Waterworks	7 1/2
Anacosta Copper	21
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Tsui Brothers Eliminate Leung, Kwok In Doubles

SWIMMING BATHS & POOLS

Public and private swimming baths and swimming pools are to come under the control of the Urban Council (Sanitation) Ordinance, recommended by the Council, are accepted by Government.

The amendments, approved yesterday at the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council, also define the terms "health officer" and "officer of the Sanitary Department".

For administrative convenience, the various establishments officers are to be placed under the general direction of the Deputy Director of Health Services. Instead of the Director of Medical Services, according to the amendments.

The amendments increase the penalties for breaches of the Ordinance.

BADMINTON GAME RESULTS

Score of the second night's semi-finals of the Hong Kong Badminton Championships played at the R.C. last night are:

LADIES' SINGLES:
Miss Ulim Khoo beat Miss Margo Xavier, 11-4, 11-6.

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES:
J.A. Soares and Mrs. M. Soares beat A.J. Gonsalves and Miss G. Silva, 12-15, 15-5, 15-8.

JUNIOR MEN'S SINGLES:
D.C. Lau beat K.P. Chong, 15-7, 15-12.

SENIOR MEN'S DOUBLES:
H.T. Hoah and T.B. Teoh beat W. Gillies and S. Saul, 15-8, 17-15.

Tonight's Games

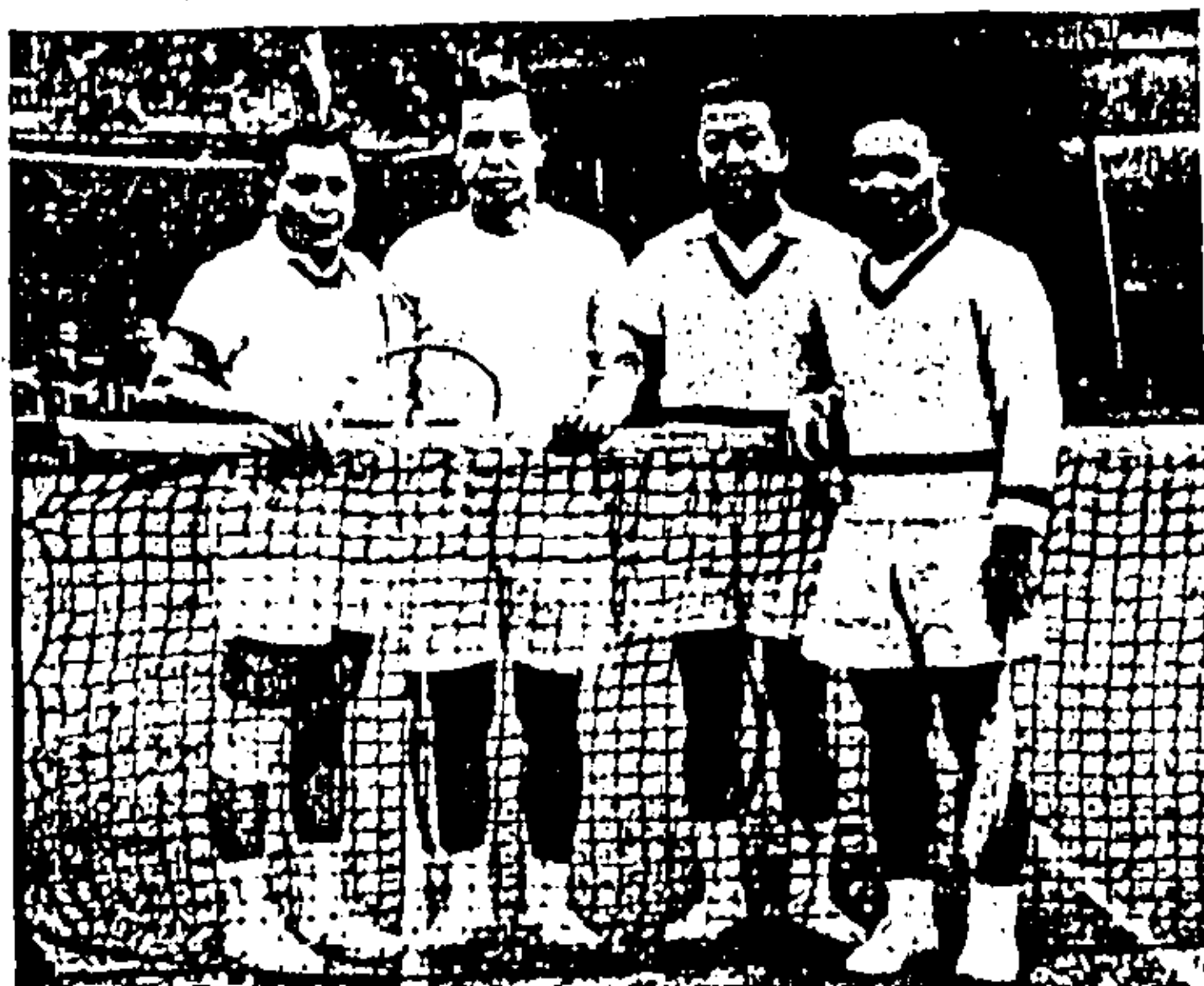
At Club de Recreo
7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles):
H.F. Tai and W.N. Cheung v D.C. Lau and W.C. Chong.
8.00 p.m. (Senior Mixed Doubles):
R. Tay and Miss M. Ribeiro v W. Gillies and Mrs. A. Tamworth.
8.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles):
G.K. Lee and F. Fong v P.H. Wong and Miss H.P. Lam v R. Young and Miss U. Khoo.

In a colourless Semi-final game at the Cricket Club yesterday, the Tsui brothers, current holders of the Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles title, eliminated Roch Leung and Kwok Hing-cheung in three straight sets, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Except for sporadic spells of brilliance, the challengers were all at sea against the dominating play of the champions. There was no lack of trying on the part of the losers, who found their combined weight a great handicap to their getting to the ball fast enough.

Their angled volleys and drives which worked successfully in their previous game against Ayres and Jones, were repeatedly countered with still deeper angled shots by the much faster Tsui combination. The repeated onslaught of angled drives, drive volleys and overhead smashes to one half of the court by the Tsui Brothers, work of devastatingly, except for inaccuracies.

Tennis Doubles



Tsui Yun-pui and Tsui Wai-pui (centre), holders of the Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship, who beat Kwok Hing-cheung and Roch Leung (extremes) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 in yesterday's Semi-final. ("China Mail" Photo)

How The Games Went

The Tsui brothers started differently, conceding four errors on Tsui Wai-pui's service, including a double fault, to give their opponents an early lead. With the champions still in the same dull mood, Roch and Leung piled up point after point, to widen the lead to 3-0.

Today's Games

Open Doubles Semi-final
Stand Court: K.H. Ip and Lee Wai-tong v Lee Boon-ting and T.T. Chen.

AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYER

London, March 28.
Jack Kramer, the American, proved he is at present the greatest tennis player when he defeated his compatriot Bobby Riggs 6-0, 6-4 in the first of a series of professional matches at the Wimbledon Pool here tonight. Kramer, who was making his professional debut in England, showed that he had improved still further his dynamic game, which gained him the Wimbledon title in 1947.

In another match, Pancho Segura, of Ecuador, scored a spectacular victory over the Australian, Denny Pails. Segura staved off six match points to win 3-0, 6-2, 6-0.—Reuter.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

The following are the results of last night's games played under the auspices of the Hong Kong Basketball League at Caroline Hill:

"A" DIVISION
Swatow Overseas 20 S. China 48
"B" DIVISION
SCM Post 10 Ling Ying 41
Ning Chung 36 Chinese Newspaper 30

BASKETBALL GAMES

The visiting Lingnam University Basketball team played two games at the Chinese YMCA (Kowloon) yesterday, with the following results:

LADIES' SECTION
Lingnam 9 Heung Tao 33
MEN'S SECTION
Lingnam 44 Tak Ming 22

They Will Tour Philippines



The Combined Hong Kong Christian Brothers' School XI which will tour the Philippines during the middle of next month, together with The Rev. Bro. Cronan, Sports Master of St. Joseph's College, who will accompany the team.

School XI Triumphant

In a clean and sporting soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the combined Hong Kong Christian Brothers' School Soccer XI beat a team from the Portuguese Catholic Association by seven clear goals.

The game, which was played at a fast pace throughout, was not one-sided as the score would appear to indicate. Both sides enjoyed a fair share of the ball, but the All-Collegiate XI showed better marksmanship when it came to putting the finishing touches to excellent approach work.

Goal scorers for the All-Collegiate XI were A. G. Ismail (2), A. K. Ismail (2), K. Po-keung (2) and Lee Cheuk-sang (1).

All-Collegiate XI: Chan Wing-kwan, Lam Yuk-lun, Yeung Yiu-hung, Tam Cheung-sing, Mow Cheung-wing, Stephen Chan (Captain), A. G. Ismail, Lee Cheuk-sang, Ko Po-keung, A. K. Ismail, Yuen Chun-fun, Chan Chuen-sing, Chan Shiu-on, Chu Kam-wing and Justin Chan.

PCA: E. F. Silva, M. Roza, D. Rocha, C. Cruz (Captain), L. Noronha, E. Franco, S. Fisher, S. Hollands, M. Noronha, L. Sousa and F. Remedios.

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Exercise Lancer Causes Put-Off Of Soccer Games

(By "ROVER")

All hopes of an entertaining programme of mid-week soccer have been dashed to the ground as a result of the postponement of three out of four games, "Exercise Lancer" being responsible for postponement of the matches affecting Service teams. The biggest disappointment has been the postponement of the match between Kowloon Motor Bus and South China "A" which was to have been played at Boundary Street.

Chinese soccer fans were all agog with excitement yesterday over the reported application by the South China Athletic Association to the Hong Kong Football Association to postpone the match. When the report was subsequently confirmed in the afternoon and it had become known that the HKFA had decided to postpone the match, the postponement of this "needle" match became the chief topic of conversation among Chinese soccer fans.

The ordinary man-in-the-street Ismail, Yuen Chun-fun, Chan Chuen-sing, Chan Shiu-on, Chu Kam-wing and Justin Chan.

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Mr. Fung said that he had intimated in his application to the HKFA that if such application was not granted, then South China "A" would be prepared to concede both points to Kowloon Motor Bus.

Officials of the Kowloon Motor Bus Soccer XI told the "China Mail" that they strongly opposed the postponement, but were unable to do anything as the decision rested entirely with the HKFA.

The action of the HKFA in deciding to postpone this match is difficult to understand, particularly in view of the fact that the game itself was a postponed fixture.

The circumstances in which the game was postponed on the last occasion gave rise to much dissatisfaction and the view was expressed in certain quarters that the postponement was granted to enable the Chinese players taking part in the Memorial Cup game against Army to be fit.

An Allegation
This time, it is being generally alleged that South China have applied for the postponement merely to give their players a rest so that they will be fresh for the Shield Final against Kit Chee on Saturday.

The postponement of this match is definitely unfair in more respects than one. Other considerations apart, the postponement may result in a heavy loss of gate money for Kowloon Motor Bus, as by the time the HKFA get round to arranging another date for the position in the League will be entirely different from what it is today.

This is not the first time that an undetected Chinese team, which ruins the rest has resorted to the putting off of a match with an opponent whom it does not wish to meet.

The officials of the HKFA cannot be ignorant of what has happened in the past and they owe it to the public and to soccer in Hong Kong to see that such "unsportsmanlike" conduct is eliminated.

Much Dissatisfaction
There is also much dissatisfaction among certain Clubs over the manner in which fixtures have been arranged.

A glance through the week-end programme indicates that there seems to be some justification for this dissatisfaction.

Although Kit Chee will be playing a strenuous 90-minute Shield Final game against South China "A" on Saturday, they are due to play against Police on Sunday, although the game has been postponed.

It is understood that all exercises will be played at the HKFA, come forward and do something for the school-boys taking part in the tour.

HKCFA Will Send Team To Saigon

The terms under which the Federation Cochinoise de Football would be prepared to invite a Chinese Soccer XI for two games in Saigon during the Easter holidays were discussed at a meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese Football Association last night.

The meeting decided to accept the terms submitted by the Saigon Football authorities and provisionally selected 22 players, who would be approached as to their availability for the trip.

The exact composition of the team to take part in the tour will be announced after the players provisionally selected for the purpose have been interviewed by officials of the HK Chinese Football Association.

The following are the terms which have been submitted by the Saigon Football authorities and accepted:—

(a) The HK Chinese Football Association to be responsible for the cost of air passage to Saigon and return for 20 persons and all expenses for board and lodging etc. during the Chinese team's stay in Saigon.

(b) The Saigon Federation and the HK Chinese Football Association to share the gate receipts, the Saigon Federation to guarantee the HK Chinese Football Association a minimum of 180,000 Piastras.

(c) The Saigon Federation to give assistance by paying the return air passage of 20 persons, any advance thus paid to be deducted from the Chinese team's share of the gate receipts.

(d) The HK Chinese Football Association to undertake that it will send only the best players; (failure to observe this condition will relieve the Saigon Federation of their guarantee covering 180,000 Piastras. The HK Chinese Football Association will, in the event of their failure to send the best players, only be entitled to a share of the gate receipts.

(e) The Saigon Federation guarantees the return of the Chinese team to Hong Kong before April 23.

Provisional List

The following were provisionally selected to make the trip:
Yu Yiu-lak, Hau Yung-sang, Teo Kiu-hung, Lau Chung-sang, Cheung Kam-hoi, Ho Yin-fun, (S. China "A"), Hung Hing-yuk (CAA), Kwok Yung-ke (KIT Chee), Tang Yee-kit, Chau Man-chi and Lee Tai-fai (KMB).

Yu Kai-yan, Lee Ping-mey, Mow Cheung-wing (CAA), Tam Chun-fai, Tang Sum, Fung Kwun-ting, Tam Woon-cheung, Li Chun-fai (KMB), Lee Ping-chiu, Chiu Foo and Yu Cheuk-yin (KIT Chee).

Officials who will accompany the team are Messrs. Lo Ching-hing, Siu Chul-man, Lui Sul-hung and Tang King-hong.

A letter from the Hong Kong Area Sports Board relative to the impending visit of a Combined Services XI from Singapore was also read to the meeting.

It was decided to defer discussion on this letter until the next meeting of the Association.

BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION

Honolulu, March 29.
Bantamweight champion Manuel Ortiz, who won a disputed verdict over Henry Davis last May, takes on the former Detroit negro in a non-title match here tonight.

It will be a 10-round heavyweight match. Ortiz has harvested \$50,000 in four appearances here. He defended his crown successfully on March 1 against Tadon Marino, Hawaiian boxer. Associated Press.

penses in connection with the visit are being borne by the Christian Brothers and that the HKFA has not been approached for any assistance.

A visit of this nature is likely to have most beneficial results on Hong Kong soccer, as any Interport game and for this reason, the youngsters should be given every encouragement by the HKFA as the body governing amateur soccer in this Colony.

It would, therefore, be a fine gesture on the part of the HKFA if it were to come forward with a donation which could be applied by The Reverend Brother Cronan, who is accompanying the team, in such a manner as would benefit the lads without in any way making them professionals.

Coming to the only First Division match which will be played, there is little doubt but that Club will take both points from Eastern, whom they entertain at Happy Valley. The game is fixed to start at 8.15 p.m.

It is understood that all exercises will be played at the HKFA, come forward and do something for the school-boys taking part in the tour.

HOCKEY FIXTURE

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

YMCA v HK Police; King's Park (YMCA), 3 p.m.; Umpires: J.S. Grewal and Makhan Singh.

Club de Recreo v Dockyard RC; King's Park, 3.30 p.m.; Umpires: P.F. Xavier and S.B.P.O. Yeomans.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

RAF v HK Police (match postponed); Cable & Wireless v Civil Service; King's Park (RNRC 2), 10 a.m.; Umpires: A.M. Silva and B.S.M. Wilson.

Army v Dutch RC; Sookumpoq, 10 a.m.; Umpires: G.T. Palmer and Yeo Sig Gater.

Kuala v Dockyard RC; King's Park (RNRC 1), 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: P.F. Xavier and J.H. Blinco.

Navy v University (match postponed); Club de Recreo v YMCA; King's Park, 10 a.m.; Umpires: S.R.A. Miller and Capt. Chinell.

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (36301 Ext. 117) before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of 10 minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify result as soon as possible after the match.

LEAGUE TABLE

Club de Recreo P W D L F A Pts
Army 19 16 2 1 63 34
Kuala 19 13 4 2 64 30
Khalas 19 11 4 4 39 26
HK Police 20 9 4 7 32 22
RAF 21 9 2 10 42 20
Club de Recreo 19 8 1 10 42 17
Dutch 19 6 3 10 27 16
University 21 7 1 13 35 15
Cable & Wireless 19 5 2 12 24 12
Dockyard RC 20 4 2 14 22 10
YMCA 18 0 18 9 12 3

ROWING BOATS CHRISTENED

The Rowing Section of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club having, earlier in the month, become the proud "fathers" of two new fours, held a very pleasant christening ceremony at Kelliet Island on Saturday afternoon.

Supported by a large number of rowing enthusiasts, the Rowing Captain, Mr. A.C. Dalziel, called on the thirty onlookers, the boats were named Vera and Veronica in honour of the good ladies officiating at this short but impressive ceremony.

Latest information regarding the two new pairs which have been donated to the Club by a very keen and experienced rowing club, is that the boats will be shipped from England in approximately six weeks.

The Closing Cruise Regatta to be held at Middle Island on Saturday, June 4, will, it is hoped, include the first post-war Inter-club events for fours and pairs. Shanghai, Saigon and Manila Rowing Clubs having been invited to enter crews.

These events, coupled with Hong Fair and Scratch Four races should make the 4th June a definite date on which to visit Middle Island.

A Barbecue will take place later in the evening under the auspices of the Rowing Section.

HKFA COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Interport Subcommittee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's office on Friday, April 1, at 5.30 p.m. to discuss the Manila Interport.

RUGBY UNION GAME

London, March 28.
In a Rugby Union game played today Redruth beat Cross Keys by eight points to three.—Reuter.



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